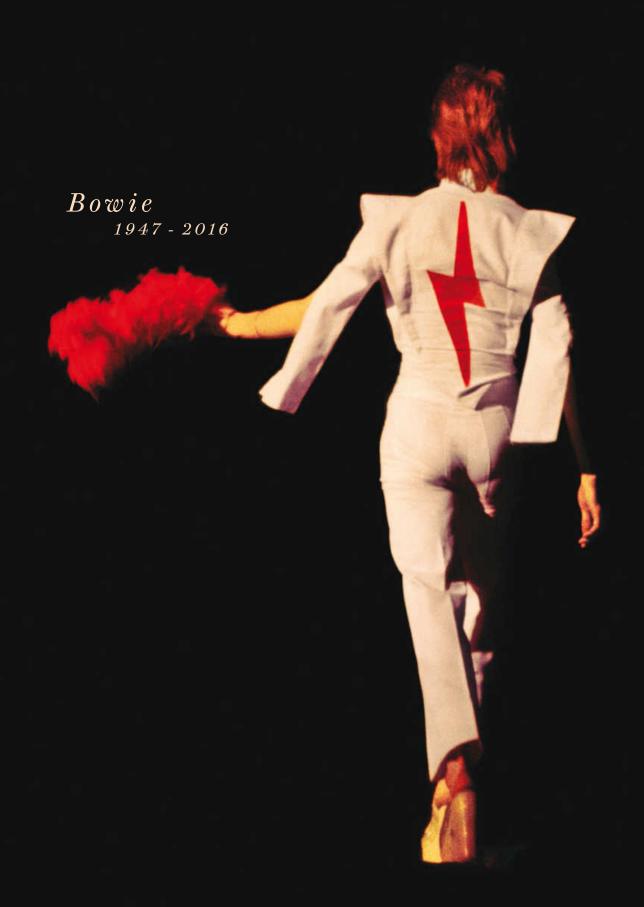
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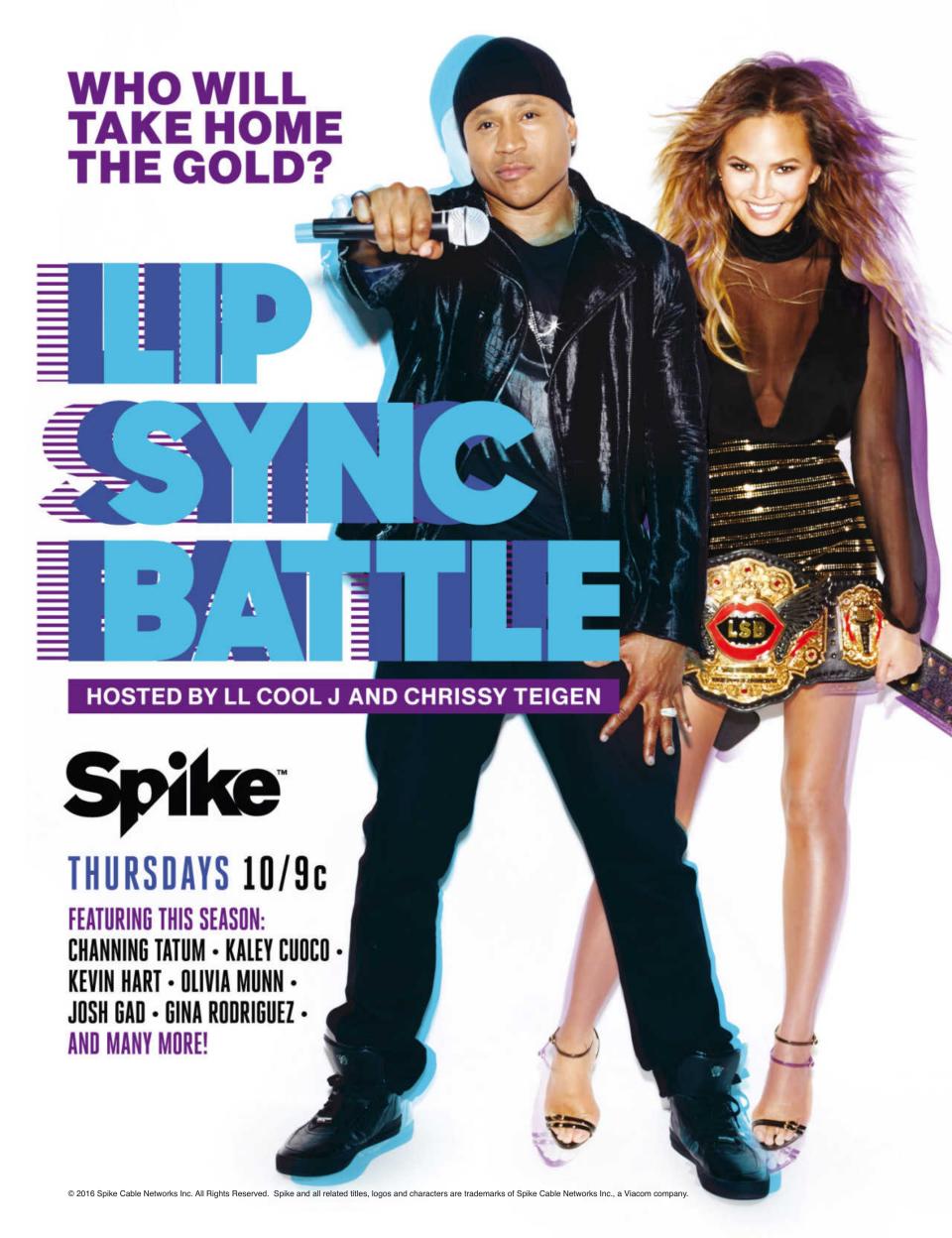


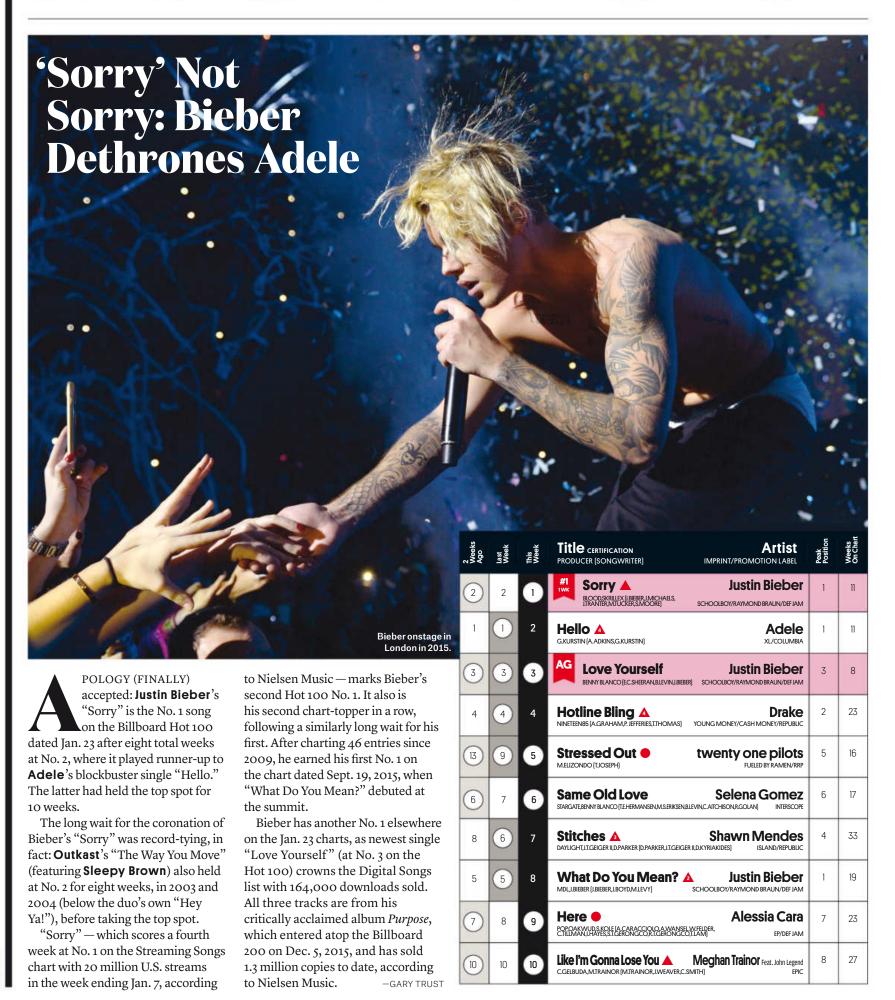


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How did "I Love This Life" come together? CHRISLUCAS We wanted to write a hit for Garth Brooks — we were like, "This has to be an anthem." To make it positive, for three minutes we just said things we loved about life. For a long time it was on hold for another artist, but ultimately we said, "We've got to take this." He's probably regretting it.

Where did the name LoCash come from?

PRESTON BRUST When something cool would happen for next to nothing or for free, we'd just high five and be like, "That was low

cash!" It was a nice mentality: Remember

where you came from and that the best things in life are free. We decided, "Let's just be the country boys of low cash."

The song is about life's simpler pleasures, from "my boots" to "that ragged old barn that my grandpa made." Are you going to add "having a hit song" to that list?

BRUST I haven't looked at the charts in the past 24 hours. We're at the hospital — I just had a kid. Well, my wife just had our kid! I've been wrapped up in this new baby and all the love in the room. This is my first kid. The song is climbing the charts, but I already have a No. 1 right here.

—ELIAS LEIGHT





This snap-heavy track is **Gomez**'s second No. 1 on the Mainstream Top 40 airplay chart, after prior *Revival* single "Good for You" (featuring **ASAP Rocky**) led for two weeks.

2 Weeks Ago	Last Week	This Week	Title CERTIFICATION Artist PRODUCER (SONGWRITER) IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Peak Position	Weeks On Chart
9	11	11	The Hills The Weeknd MANO,ILANGELO(ATESFATE ABAISHEENICKERSON,ILANGELO) XO/REPUBLIC	1	33
(12)	13	12	Jumpman A Drake & Future MERO SCONNINDIMERRILINANIE AGRAHAMI AHFREBANDZ/OUNGMORE/CASHMORE/BFURBLC	12	16
20	22	13	Roses The Chainsmokers Feat. ROZES THE CHAINSMOKERS [A.TAGGART,E.MENCEL] DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	13	12
24	15	14	White Iverson Post Malone POST MALONE (A POST, IM, ROBERTS) REPUBLIC	14	18
17	16	15	On My Mind Ellie Goulding MAX/MARTIN/ELIGOULDING/MAX/MARTIN/SX/OTECHAL/SAUMAN/ZADEH) CHERRYTREE/INTERS/COPE	13	16
15	20	16	In The Night APAYAMIMAX MARTINITHE WEEKIND (A TESFAYEA BALSHE, MAX MARTIN, SKOTECHA P. SVENSSON, A PAYAMI) XO/REPUBLIC	12	9
18)	21	17	Don't Bryson Tiller DOPEBOI(BILLERUBSTEWARITHOLINS, R.M.CAREYJDURRUBMCOXLAUSTIN) TRAFSOUL/RCA	17	15
14	12	18	679 Fetty Wap Feat. Remy Boyz PEOPLES (W.J.MAXWELL,A.COSME JR.,J.POPE,B.GARCIA) RGF/300	4	28
16)	17	19	Antidote WONDAGUR ESTBOLNO IUW ESTBELOSH LUNRINGE BNAN MERLO, BRENNECKOGUYLMICHELS NAMOVSHON ALSTENWESS) GRAND HUSTLE/EPIC	16	18
23	(14)	20	Ex's & Oh's ▲ Elle King DBASSETT [ELLE KING, DBASSETT] RCA	10	27

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22	18	21	Wildest Dreams 🛕 Taylor Swift MAXMARTINSHELBACK[ISWIFIJMAXMARTINSHELBACK] Taylor Swift BIGMACHINE/REPUBLC	5	20
33	28	22	IKnow What You Did Last Summer Shawn Mendes & Camila Cabello NZANSCANELA JORGEN HENORITHE SERVICE SERV	22	8
25	25)	23	Die A Happy Man Thomas Rhett DHUFF,JFRASURE (THOMAS RHETT,SMDOUGLAS,JOELONDON) VALORY	21	16
21	24	24	Can't Feel My Face △ The Weeknd A.PAYAMIJMAX MARTINI/A.TESPAYEMAX MARTIN, SKOTECHA-PSVENSSON-APAYAMII XO/REPUBLIC	1	31
27	23	25	Confident Demi Lovato MAXMARITNIXA (MAX MARITNS. KOTECHA, SAFEH-OUSE/ISLAND/REPUBLIC/HOLLYWOOD) SAFEH-OUSE/ISLAND/REPUBLIC/HOLLYWOOD	21	14
43	41	26	Cake By The Ocean DNCE MIARSSON/RFEDRIKSSON/RFEDRIKSSON/LITANTE/LIONAS) REPUBLIC	26	12
19	19	27	Watch Me △ Silento BOLO DA PRODUCER (I.B.MINIGO,R.L.HAWK) BOLO/CAPITOL	3	46
31	26	28	Perfect One Direction IBBNETIALH-INDINIARYANISH-ARVINA AMOONALD SYCO/COLUMBIA	10	12
36	35	29	Me, Myself & I G-Eazy x Bebe Rexha MKENANC ANDERSON IGGILIUM KEENAN CRANDERSON LEDWARDSTARANES BKOHNEREXHA] G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA	29	10
26	32	30	Say It Tory Lanez POPTORO (DPTERSON A WANSEL, AWHITFIELD, DHALLN GILBERTIG, CHAMBERS) MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE	26	12
28	33	31	Lean On Major Lazer & DJ Snake Feat. Mo DISNAKE DIPLO ISGUESS K.M.ORSTED WSECRIERACHNIE KWEPENTZ PMECKSEPERI MAD DECENT	4	40
37	34)	32	My House Flo Rida LCARLSSON (TDILLARDLICARLSSON) RGOLANMUBJORREROR HAMMOND) POE BOY/ATLANTIC	32	9
42	31	33	Hide Away Daya NOISECASTLE III (G.BARLETTA,B.M.CLAUGHLIN,B.NEWBILL) ARTBEATZ	31	16
32	29	34	Break Up in A Small Town Sam Hunt zcroweil,smcanally (shuntzcroweil,smcanally) McAnashville	29	14
29	27	35	Trap Queen ▲ Fetty Wap IFADD [WJMAXWELI,TFADD] RGF/300	2	51
41	30	36	See You Again Wiz Khalifa Feat. Charlie Puth DIFRANKE.CPUH.A.EDBA (IJRANKS, A.CEDAR.CJHOMAZ.CPUH) UNIVERSAL STUDIOS/ATLANTIC/RRP	1	44
5 7	36	37	One Call Away Charlie Puth DIFRANKENPRIME IRRANKS CARTER MA AMCORADE SISSAC CUPIND/PRIME) ARTIST PARTINERS GROUP/ATLANTIC	36	6
66	50	38	Stand By You Rachel Platten LEVINE (R.PLATTELLIANTONO FE, JUVILLIAMS, LEVINE MMOORRIS) COLLUMBIA	38	8
(52)	48	39	Down In The DM BEN BILLIONS, SCHIFE (MMIMS, KM.KHALED, BDIEHLJLEWIS) COCANE MUZIK/PPC	39	6
40	43	40	No Role Modelz J. Cole BARNSI COLE BARNIS SAWHTIM NO. PER AURGARD, DREAMNILE POC NATION/COLUMBIA HOUSPALT VERSE ELS THE MESS THE SEARCH SEARC	36	21
54)	47	41	When We Were Young ARECHTSCHAID (A ADKINS, IJESSO, IR.) Adele XL/COLUMBIA	22	7
39	42	42	Hands To Myself Selena Gomez MATIMAN & ROBIN (JIRANIER-LIMICHAELS RIFEDRIKSSONMALARSSONMAX MARTIN) INTERSCOPE	39	5
44	38)	43	Again Fetty Wap PEOPLES,SHY BOOGS [WJ.MAXWELL,B.GARCIA,E.ITIMMONS] RGF/300	33	22
(51)	46	44	Exchange Bryson Tiller THE MEKANICS (BITLLER, MHERNANDEZ, MJOHNSON, JHALL) TRAPSOUL/RCA	44	11
46	40	45	Locked Away R. City Feat. Adam Levine DR. LUKECIRKUT [THOMAS] THOMAS] GOTIVALDHE TYPENTETTENNILE] KEMOSABE/RCA	6	25
RE-E	NTRY	46	Out Of The Woods Taylor Swift LANTONOFFISWIFT (ISWIFT,LANTONOFF) BIG MACHINE/REPUBLIC	18	3
45	45	47	Where Ya At ▲ Future Feat. Drake METRO BOOMIN (NDWILBURNLWAYNE, AGRAHAM) A-I/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	28	25
68	<u>(55)</u>	48	Irresistible Fall Out Boy BWALKER, ISINCLAIR (FALL OUT BOY) DCD2/ISLAND/REPUBLIC	48	8
49	49	49	Where Are UNOW A Skrillex & Diplo With Justin Bieber Skrillex Diplo (SMO) ORETWOPHIZ, MAD DECENT/OWSLA/ATLANTIC	8	45
35	39	50	Focus Ariana Grande	7	10

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60	53	51	Home Alone Tonight Luke Bryan Feat. Karen Fairchild JSTEVENS, LSTEVENS (LSTEVENS, CIAYLOR, LDREYER, LCECIL) CAPITOL NASHVILLE	51	7
55	54	52	Adventure Of A Lifetime Coldplay STARCATERSIAPSON (GRESSPRIMALIMBUOGLANDING) PARIOPHONE ATLANTIC PROPERTIES OF THE PROPERTIES OF T	39	9
(53)	59	53	Back To Sleep Chris Brown VINYIZ,ARITIER,BOHDA [CMBROWN,A-HERNANDEZ,ARITIER,MSAM/JES,ARIGO] RCA	53	4
65	56	54	Gonna Know We Were Here MKNOX (B.BEAVERS, BRETT JAMES) Jason Aldean BROKEN BOW	54	13
64	61	55	Stay A Little Longer Brothers Osborne LIOYCE (LOSBORNE, LLOSBORNE, S.M.CANALLY) EMINASHVILLE	55	14
56	52	56	Back Up Dej Loaf Feat. Big Sean ROCKSAYS [DM:TRIMBLE;KAADAMS;SMANDERSON,CGOSBERKY] BIGM/COLUMBIA	47	14
70	65	57	I Love This Life LoCash LRIMES,PBRUST,CLUCAS (D.MYRICK,C.JANSON,C.LUCAS,P.BRUST) REVIVER	57	11
69	64	58	I Got The Boy SHENDRICKS [INICHOLS, CHARRINGTON, LLSPEARS] Jana Kramer ELEKTRA NASHVILLE/WAR	58	13
48	51	59	Bet You Can't Do It Like Me DLOW NUN MAJOR (D.SIMMONS) DLOW	45	9
63	67	60	Best Friend Young Thug RICKY RACKS (IMILLIAMSR HARRELL BALOGUN, SMCNICHOL RROBINSON, KO. ASUGHA) 300/ATLANTIC	60	7
67	68	61	Used To Love You Gwen Stefani LIRROTEM (LITRANTER/LIMCHABLSJL/ROTEMG/STEFANI,DOUVILLE) MADIOVE/NITERSCOPE	52	8
83	62	62	Good To Be Alive (Hallelujah) LIKIRKPATRICK (AGRAMMELKIRKPATRICKRGOLANRMET) Andy Grammer S-CURVE/HOLLYWOOD	62	4
61)	57	63	Big Rings MERIO BOOMNIA CRAHAM, NDIWI BURNIL WAYNEJ A-V/REEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	52	16
71)	60	64	New Americana Halsey LIDO (A.FRANGIPANEL.PRINCIPATO,CUBER.JMTUME) ASTRALWERKS/CAPITOL	60	15
58	63	65	WTF (Where They From) PLWILLIAMS (M.ELLIOTT, PLWILLIAMS) Missy Elliott Feat. Pharrell Williams THE GOLD MIND/ATLANTIC	22	9
100	70	66	Get Ugly RRED (IDESPOLIEALIX,EFFEDERIC,SMDOUGLAS,LEVIGAN) Jason Derulo BELUGA-HEICHIS/WARNERBROS.	66	3
59	58	67	l'II Show You Justin Bieber SRILLEX BIOOD LIBERER LIGUIUM SMOOREMIUCKER JOFENSTER SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	19	10
62	69	68	The Fix DIMUSTARDM ADAMS (C.HAYNES. JR.D.M.CFARLANEM. ADAMS, C.BLANCHARDDBELLK ROLLINS, O.BROWNIM. GAYEDRITZ) RECORDS	62	15
88	82	69	Backroad Song EROGERS,G.SMITH (G.SMITH,FROGERS) Granger Smith WHEELHOUSE	69	5
82	72	70	Downtown Macklemore & Ryan Lewis Feat. Eric Taily, Nell's Nell Not Dee & Grantinster Caz RIEWIS IB HAGGERTYR LEWIS ES NALLY LIKARP JRAWLINGS. MACKLEMORE/WARNER BROS.	12	20
92	81	71	Beautiful Drug Zac Brown Band zrown(zbrown,nmoon) Southern Ground/OHNVARVATOS/REPUBLIC/DOT	71	7
74	75	72	Gonna Blake Shelton SHENDRICKS (LLAIRD,C.WISEMAN) WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	54	17
75	73	73	Dessert Dawin DAWIN [DPOLANCO] CASABLANCA/REPUBLIC	73	5
-	94)	74	Break On Me. NCHAPMANKURBAN [IMMITER.COPPERMAN] HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE	74	2
97	76	75	Dibs Kelsea Ballerini FGWHITEHEADJMASSEY[KBALLERINI,IKERR,RGRIFFIN,LDUKE] BLACK RIVER	75	10
	SHOT BUT	76	Heartbeat Carrie Underwood zcrowell (cunderwood, zcrowell (cunderwood, zcrowell agorley) 19/arista nashville	76	1
73	78	77	\$ave Dat Money Lil Dicky Feat. Fetty Wap 8 Rich Homie Quan MONEY ALWAYZ (DBURDMWASHINGTON,DDLAMARWIJMAXWELL) CMSN/ADA	71	11
79	66	78	Right Hand Drake VINITZFRANKDUKIS JAGRAHAMA HERNANDEZ, AFERNYJK GUNESBERK, ISRNANTJ VOUNGMONEY/CASHMONEY/REFUBLIC	58	17
85	84	79	Top Of The World BGALLIMORE,TMCGRAW/[IROBBINS,IMNITE,IOSBORNE] TIM MCGRAW/BIGMACHINE	73	13
90	77)	80	SOFTY NOT SOFTY Bryson Tiller MILLI BEATZIIMBALAND (BTILLER, ISALII, IVMOSLEY) TRAPSOUL/RCA	77	4



After **Taylor Swift** premiered the music video for "Out of the Woods" (the sixth single from her charttopping 1989) on Dec. 31 during ABC's Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest, the song re-enters the Hot 100 at No. 46, fueled by 4.8 million U.S. streams (up 739 percent) in the week ending Jan. 7, according to Nielsen Music. "Woods" also enters the Mainstream Top 40 airplay chart (No. 28). It first hit the Hot 100 (No. 18) on Nov. 1, 2014, as a preview of 1989, two weeks before the album launched atop the Billboard 200.

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NEW (8	81	OUİ Jeremih NEEDIZ,DONUT (I.PFELTON,K.CAIN,B.BELL,C.MARTIN) MICK SCHULITZ/DEF JAM	81	1
78 88 8	82	RUDIMENTAL (A.AMOR K.DRYDRN AGGETT LROLLELINEVMANLHARRISE.C.SHERAN) MAJOR TOMS/BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC	48	14
94 79 8	83	Really Really IROTH ACCOSECOK CLASSICS (KGILYARD), IROTH ACCOSE, MICOBBAN-BEARN) BREAD WINNERS ASSOCIATION/ATLANTIC	79	3
- 92 8	84	Mr. Misunderstood JOYCE (ECHURCH, C.BEATHARD) EMINASHVILLE	84	2
76 71 8	85	Come Get Her Rae Sremmurd MKEWILIMADERIA-(ALSBROWNXLUBROWN)MLWILIMANSAHOGAN) EARORUMA/NTESCOPE	56	17
- 85 8	86	Watch Out 2 Chainz FKI (TLEPPS,TJM,ROBERTS) DEF JAM	85	2
NEW (8	87)	Sugar Robin Schulz Feat. Francesco Yates DBIERBRODIG KRAMER DOHRR SCHULZ [FLBAUTISTAN PERZZR BRYANT] TONSPIEL/ATLANTIC	87	1
96 80 8	88	Hollow AANDERS/PASTROM(TKELLYLLAGISON)IMACKENZ/POORHWARNER) TORI KELLY SCHOOLBOY/CAPITOL	80	4
93 100 8	89	Play No Games Big Sean Feat. Chris Brown & Ty Dolla \$ign KEY WANE LIHBNEY (S.M. ANDERSON D.M.WERLILMICHNSON, C.M.BROWN JERREN JR. GALTING GERIFFIN A.HALL III, EZRIEY) G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	84	10
98 90 9	90	Let It Go James Bay LKING (LBAY,PBARRY) REPUBLIC	90	3
- 99	91	Confession Florida Georgia Line JMOI (R.CLAWSON,R.COPPERMAN,M.JENKINS) REPUBLIC NASHVILLE	91	2
- 98 9	92	We Went D.GEORGE [I.WILSON,M.ROGERS,LKING] Randy Houser STONEY CREEK	92	3
NEW 9	93	2 Phones Kevin Gates MAD MAX (K.GILYARD B.T.H.AZZARD, RWITHERSPOON R.) BREAD WINNERS' ASSOCIATION/ATLANTIC	93	1
86 74 9	94	RGF Island YUNGLAN [W.J.MAXWELL,M.S.MODI] Fetty Wap RGF/300	57	13
- 87 9	95	Smoke Break Carrie Underwood JJOYCE (CLUNDERWOOD, C. DESTEFANO, HLINDSEY) 19/ARISTA NASHVILLE	43	19
RE-ENTRY 9	96)	Ginza J Balvin SKMOSIIV II AOSONO BALVINAR PAMIREZ SUAREZ, DCANO RIOS SVIILLADA HOVOS CA PATINO GOMEZ) CAPITOL LATINVUMLE	84	13
NEW (9	97	Nobody To Blame Chris Stapleton DCOBBCSTAPLETON (CSTAPLETON BBALES/RBOWMAN) MERCURY NASHVILLE	97	1
72 97 9	98	You Should Be Here Cole Swindell MCARTER (C.SWINDELLAGORLEY) WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	69	4
87 83 9	99	Blase Ty Dolla \$ign Feat. Future & Rae Sremmurd DRUDNICK[TGRIFFN IRNDWILBURNALSBROWN,KLIBROWN,GR.HILI] ATLANTIC	63	17
RE-ENTRY (00	Tennessee Whiskey Chris Stapleton DCOBB(CSTAPLETON [DDILLON,LINDA HARGROVE] MERCURY NASHVILLE	20	5





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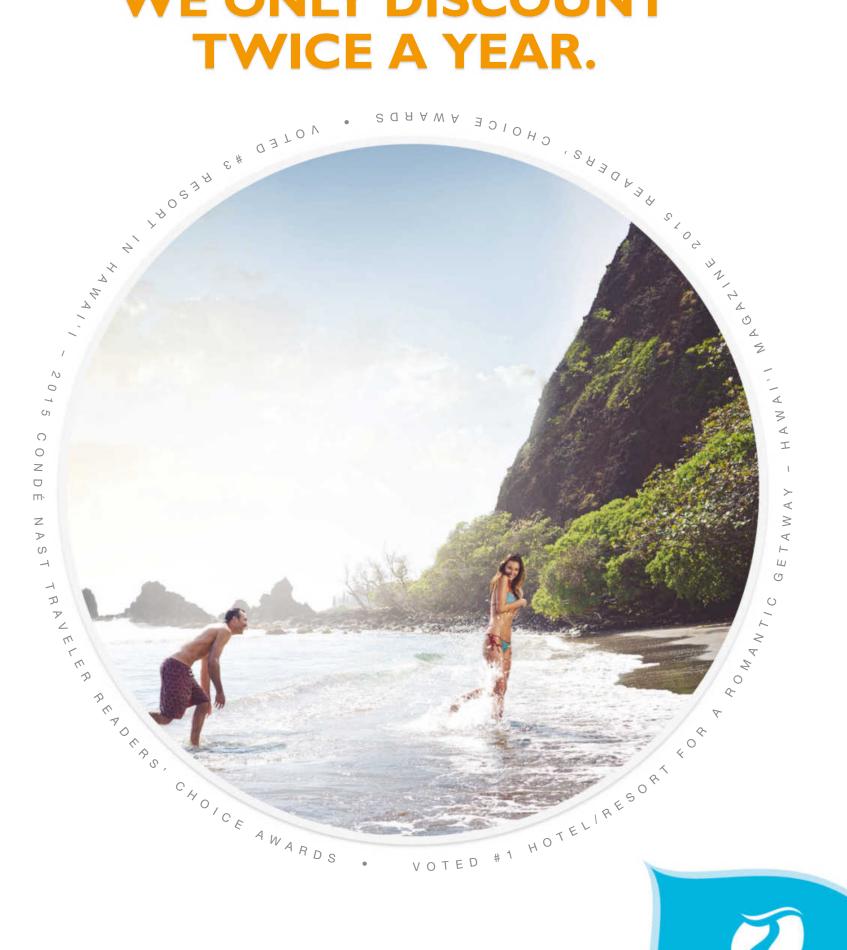
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THE HIGH-WIRE ACT OF A GUNS N' ROSES REUNION TOUR

THE BAND IS SAID TO BE ASKING \$3 MILLION PER SHOW, AND ITS UNPREDICTABILITY LEAVES A LOT TO CHANCE. BUT THE UPSIDE IS HIGH, AND SOURCES SAY AEG AND LIVE NATION ARE IN THE RING

BY RAY WADDELL



FANS WERE OVERJOYED WHEN news broke that a reunited **Guns N' Roses** — with original members **Axl Rose**, **Slash** and **Duff McKagan** onboard — will headline the Coachella Music & Arts Festival in Indio, Calif., on the weekends of April 16 and 23, and follow with a major stadium tour. But given Rose's tumultuous history of egregiously late or canceled performances, this reunion tour is more fraught with risk than most.

Although Rose has been touring semiregularly with different musicians as GNR, the Coachella

shows are expected to be the first time the Rose-Slash-McKagan trio will perform together since July 17, 1993, in Buenos Aires — "expected" because sources tell Billboard that GNR is scheduled to be one of the first acts to play the new T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, set to open April 6. Beyond that, the reunited band — the full lineup and the status of the other two founding members, guitarist Izzy Stradlin and drummer Steven Adler, remain unclear — is also negotiating with promoters to play as many as 25 stadiums in North America this summer. For the tour, GNR is said to be asking as much as \$3 million per show (the Coachella payday is likely significantly higher), with tickets topping out in the \$250 to \$275 range.

In an era when most top artists tour regularly, promoters love reunions. The **Police** revival of 2007 and 2008 remains the gold standard, taking in \$362 million from 151 concerts around the world. Of course, GNR is more combustible than the British trio, and the financial prospects of a tour are far less certain.

Unlike most successful reunion tours, a Rose-led incarnation of GNR has been in the marketplace since 2001. In 2012, band agent **Ken Fermaglich** (who declined to comment for this story) negotiated a well-received residency at The Joint in Las Vegas to mark the 25th anniversary of GNR's landmark debut, *Appetite for Destruction*, and since then GNR has been fairly active at large clubs, arenas and

THE OVER UNDER



Sony/ATV Music Publishing chairman/CEO **Martin Bandier** signs a contract extension for an additional three years.



Cameron Strang's Warner Bros. Records sues metal band Avenged Sevenfold over a contractual dispute.



Kendrick Lamar treks to the White House to meet Barack Obama and discuss youth mentorship initiatives. festivals — to generally positive response — on a global basis.

Yet the prospects of a classic GNR tour are decidedly mixed. "It might very well be a home run," says Washington, D.C.-based indie promoter **Seth Hurwitz**. "It might very well be that it's not. I prefer not to take part in these kind of all-ornothing bets myself."

But veteran manager **Doc McGhee** (**Kiss**, **Darius Rucker**),
who handled GNR from 2010 to
2012, maintains, "If it's done right,
it should do amazing [business]. If
they have their shit together, I think
everybody comes to see them.
If not, they'll have a tough time
selling it."

Even with this history of wild unpredictability and transcendent performances, sources say both AEG Live and Live Nation are eager to produce the tour. (Reps for both companies declined comment.) The financial risks for stadium shows are huge, even with proven draws. Production costs run roughly \$1.6 million — plus talent costs. With those expenses, it could take a box-office gross of about \$4.8 million just to break even, and with an acceptable promoter profit of \$300,000 to \$400,000, the gross would have to hit \$5.1 million to \$5.2 million before the band would get into overage (meaning enough tickets have been sold for the act to receive a percentage of the gross). To come out in the black on these estimated expenses would require a \$100 average ticket price on 50,000 fans, or a \$90 average ticket price on 60,000 tickets sold.

But if a show does get into overage, it could add another \$200,000 to the band's estimated \$3 million payday. A GNR reunion likely would spur substantial merchandising sales — as much as \$20 per head — generating another \$750,000 to \$1 million, with the lion's share also going to the group.

The potential for a huge financial windfall exists. But after 22 years, can the reunited band pull it off?

"They were a dangerous rock band — you never knew what was going to happen," says a promoter who worked with GNR back in the day. "And a certain amount of that is great in rock'n'roll. But there's a fine line between being dangerous and being a dick."



Bought In Translation: 'Hello'

An Adele cover in another language is still a cover, no matter who the interpreter

BY LEILA COBO and ED CHRISTMAN

DELE'S "HELLO" VIDEO, WHICH IS nearing 1 billion views on YouTube, has spawned a slew of covers on the Internet including several foreign-language versions that have found their own audiences.

Spanish singer **Leroy Sanchez**'s cover of the song has nearly 22 million views. A version by Korean teen **Lydia Lee** has more than 20 million. And a Spanish/English rendition by *American Idol* alum **Karen Rodriguez** boasts 6 million.

In aggregate, those views can reach the hundreds of millions, generating significant income for publishers, songwriters and labels alike. But determining how to divide the money is a complex task.

Take, for example, the Spanishlanguage versions of "Hello," whose
sung greetings include "Hola" and "Alo." No matter
the interpretation of the lyrics, all are considered
covers of the original composition, written by
Adele and **Greg Kurstin** and published by EMI
April Music, Kurstin Music and Universal/Songs of
PolyGram International.

Rodriguez, 26, whose bilingual cover initially drew scant attention, found herself stuck in last-minute negotiations with the song's rights-holders when TV-performance offers started coming in.

"The compulsory license [which allows artists to cover songs without the songwriters' express consent] does not apply to song translations and adaptations," says Rodriguez's manager Maxwell Clayman. No blanket license for such versions exists: "Each song is negotiated separately," says producer Rudy Perez, who has written Spanish lyrics for Beyoncé and Christina Aguilera.

"Sometimes the writer lets me participate in the publishing side, sometimes it's a work for hire."

What's at stake? If a video gets 10 million YouTube views and all streams are monetized, the label that owns the master — even if it's a cover — could claim as much as \$34,000 at an estimated U.S. per-stream rate of \$0.0032. For publishers, the payout could be around \$8,700, based on a synchronization payout of 15 percent of total ad revenue. Thus, assuming a

50/50 split between the songwriters, their publishers each would get \$4,350, with each songwriter receiving \$2,175 (if they have a straight publishing deal), \$3,262.50 (for a co-publishing deal) or \$3,697 (if they own their publishing).

Yet with the rise of covers on YouTube, the process turns into a game of whack-a-mole for rights-holders. If

the song's master recording is fingerprinted, it's easy to find; even if not, YouTube's melody-matching algorithm should be able to catch it, according to Audiam founder **Jeff Price**. But covers in different languages must be found with a descriptiveword search. "If the translation sticks close to the original title, you can find it," says Price. "But if the translation [substantially] changes the title, it's much more difficult."

Still, for an artist like Rodriguez, having her interpretation go viral is a ticket to the broader recognition that has eluded her since she was a season-10 finalist on *American Idol* in 2011.

"I didn't get the opportunity of getting signed or catching the attention of people who wanted to support my music," says Rodriguez, who has cowritten with **Romeo Santos** but works in a hotel by day. "With these covers I get to put out music."

The number of YouTube views that Spanish singer Leroy Sanchez's Spanish-language cover of Adele's "Hello" has tallied.

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*Jurassic*Symphony

The 1993 dinosaur blockbuster gets a live orchestral makeover

BY MELINDA NEWMAN

URASSIC PARK IS THE LATEST blockbuster to get the orchestral-concert treatment in what has become a popular new form of entertainment: watching a movie while listening to a live performance of its score.

The 1993 **Steven Spielberg** film, with music composed by **John Williams**, joins other offerings by Film Concerts Live — a co-venture between IMG Artists and the Gorfaine/Schwartz Agency — including the Williams-scored *Home Alone*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*, as well as *Back to the Future* (**Alan Silvestri**) and *Star Trek* (**Michael Giacchino**).

"Jurassic Park is one of John's most recognized, beloved scores," says FCL producer Jamie Richardson. "The dinosaurs are created through special effects, but the reason they live and breathe is John's music." The film debuts this fall with an unannounced symphony.

Since the first live performance of a score, in 1987 when the **Andre Previn**-conducted **Los Angeles Philharmonic** played **Prokofiev**'s music to 1938 classic *Alexander Nevsky*, business has boomed for the sector, with companies like Disney, CineConcerts and Symphonic Cinema



getting involved. For FCL, bookings spiked from 18 in 2014 to 98 a year later.

As for the symphonies, which for *Jurassic Park* number as many as 85 musicians, initial reluctance has given way to financial reality. "I know of no orchestra that isn't doing this now," says FCL producer **Steve Linder**. "They understand that it's being done at a very high artistic level." And it's also bringing in new audiences and revenue. Two nights of *Back to the Future*, held Oct. 15 and 16,



Composer Williams will oversee the live orchestral production of his 1993 score.

2015, at New York's Radio City Music Hall featuring the **New Jersey Symphony Orchestra**, grossed \$411,273, according to Billboard Boxscore.

FCL wouldn't reveal the cost of licensing a film and score for an orchestral concert, but compared it to the fee of an A-list guest soloist. A bonus: It comes with a tech team to run the movie and marketing support. "We've found a financial range that seems to work well," says Linder. "We want orchestras to survive."



Bob Dylan and The Grateful Dead are just two acts that have released mammoth box sets.

THE BOX SET BOOM

As CDs continue their long decline, labels are releasing lavish, expensive collections like never before. How long will the party last?

During the third week of November, the No. 1 title on *Billboard's* Top Rock Albums chart was *The Cutting Edge*, a two-CD set of 50-year-old recordings by **Bob Dylan**. It sold 14,000 copies (according to Nielsen Music), impressive for a catalog release in the age of streaming. Even more impressive: A six-CD version that cost more than \$100 sold 6,000 units, and a gargantuan

18-CD Collector's Edition, available on Dylan's website for \$600, sold 2,000.

Some of today's hottest new music is old music in elaborate new boxes. Even as labels focus increasingly on streaming, executives tell *Billboard* that box sets — many of which retail for \$100 or more — are selling as well or better than they have in years.

"There's still a real, viable physical market for the right kind of releases that appeal to certain fan bases," says Legacy president Adam Block. "The appetite for exciting presentations of music is strong." Those presentations are almost always physical: Even the two-CD version of the Dylan set sold just 1,000 digital copies.

Mark Pinkus, president of Warner Music's catalog imprint Rhino Entertainment, says that the label had begun moving away from the physicalmusic business in 2010. But the following year, it released a \$450 73-CD Grateful Dead box that sold out its limited run of 7,200 copies in four days. Now Rhino releases a major Grateful Dead project every year, including September's 30 Trips Around the Sun, an enormous \$700 80-CD live collection. Other recent releases include compilations from David Bowie and $\bf Aretha\ Franklin\$ and a six-disc Velvet Underground set. "I'm very happy I work here," says Pinkus. "Otherwise

FROM THE DESK OF

EXECUTIVE VP/WORLDWIDE HEAD OF ADVERTISING, FILM AND TELEVISION, SONY/ATV

Brian Monaco

The publishing executive talks Super Bowl, Sundance and how to get a yes from Bob Dylan

BY MELINDA NEWMAN
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HERE'S NO NEED TO ASK

Brian Monaco which team he's pulling for at Super Bowl 50

— the publishing executive is rooting for the commercials.

For Sony/ATV Music Publishing's worldwide head of advertising, film and television, the action comes off the field. Getting a song in a Super Bowl commercial is a publisher's holy grail, according to Monaco, and this year, Sony/ATV will have at least a dozen synch usages. (The synch fee for an iconic song, not including the master, can run up to \$2 million.) At the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, this month, Sony/ATV will have at least 25 songs in nine movies premiering.

"Brian's the best at this," says Monaco's boss, Sony/ATV chairman/CEO Martin Bandier, "and it comes at a time that the synch area is more important than ever." Fiat Chrysler Automobiles chief marketing officer Olivier Francois, who has worked on multiple campaigns with Monaco, adds: "His ability to know what will 'pop,' and be ahead of it, is uncanny."

Monaco, 43 and single, came to Sony/
ATV as part of the 2012 EMI Music
Publishing acquisition. Prior to joining EMI
in 2007, he headed his own management
company for authors, politicians and
media personalities. Now leading a global
staff of 150 who represent the publisher's
3 million-song catalog, including copyrights
from The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Queen
and Taylor Swift, the avid horologist (*The*Wall Street Journal recently profiled his
30-watch collection) relaxes by playing
squash. "It's like chess on speed," he says.
"I love running around, forgetting about
work for an hour, then getting back into it."

Do you increase rates for Super Bowls? We do. A lot of it [depends on] the song. Is



it a new artist that we're hoping to break? Or is it a truly iconic song that deserves to be paid a fair market value for that day?

Bob Dylan has opened up his catalog for synchs lately, narrating and appearing in a 2014 Chrysler Super Bowl ad. Why the shift?

He understands it's a nice way to get his catalog out to a broader audience. I was shocked that he said yes [to the Chrysler ad]. [Manager] **Jeff** [Rosen] has been so creative and interested in hearing every single [offer]. Instead of just saying no, he says, "Let's try to figure it out."

Conversely, you rarely hear Taylor Swift's music in commercials. Why?

The reason is that she has a bunch of brands that she signs deals with in the beginning of an album release. That exclusivity covers a lot of different things, [so] if she has a deal with Diet Coke, she can't do anything in the beverage market.

Sony/ATV songwriter Leon Bridges has the end-title song in Sony Pictures' Concussion. How closely do you work with the film studio?

After the merger, our goal was to try to work as closely as possible with the other divisions of Sony. We've been talking about *Ghostbusters* deals with **Lia Vollack**, president of worldwide music at Sony Pictures, and some co-promotions because we have the *Ghostbusters* theme. We can be partners but make fair deals to protect our songwriters.

The options window for songs is shortening from one year to six or nine months. How does that affect you?

It's not even six to nine months. Sometimes it's three months, a week, one day. That's a

"A national or global television spot" brings the biggest bang, says Monaco, photographed Dec. 10, 2015, at his office in New York. "There's many more platforms for [a synch] to be seen." big change. We have that with a few of our deals this year: a one-time broadcast at the Super Bowl.

What's the biggest lesson Marty Bandier has passed down?

How to price things in the marketplace. He is so well-versed in the catalog, because Marty was the first publisher to have a synch department. He put a lot of pressure on, but he's fair and fun to work with.

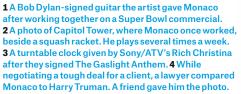
The Beatles' "All Together Now" was in a recent Kohl's commercial. How do you decide what to say yes to?

There is a weekly meeting [where] we make sure we do the right thing by The Beatles. We get tons of requests and we are often pitching The Beatles, especially for Super Bowl things, because you do need a big budget to work with a Beatles copyright.

What is the most-requested song in the catalog?

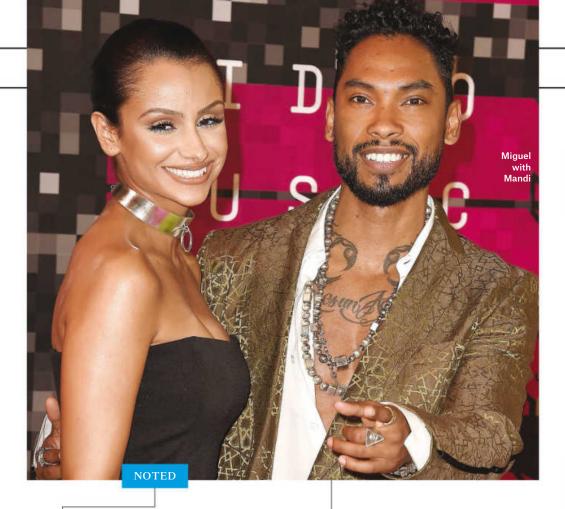
Probably "Over the Rainbow." It feels like we get a call about it every month.











01-11

Miguel and his longtime girlfriend, model Nazanin Mandi. confirmed their engagement.

Brady Brock departed Gold Village to join **Michael Krumper**'s Missing Piece Group as GM of the company's new Nashville office.

Capitol Music Group hired Nate Albert as its new executive vp A&R. He was formerly senior vp A&R at Republic Records, where he signed **The Weeknd** and Phantogram, and was also a co-founder of **The Mighty** Mighty Bosstones.



01-12

Coachella producer Goldenvoice announced a new festival, Panorama, set for July 22-24 on New York's Randall's Island.

Univision appointed Jorge **"Pepo" Ferradas** to the newly created position of president of its music division, based in New York.

Fifth Harmony joined Maverick Management.

Lady Gaga exited William Morris Endeavor to sign with Creative Artists Agency.

SoundCloud and Universal Music Group reached a multiterritory licensing agreement for UMG's recordings and publishing.

Near Gold Records (Charli **XCX**, **Tove Lo**) announced two partnerships: Neon Gold, a publishing joint venture with SONGS Music, and a PR firm called Gold Atlas in association with **Inge Colsen**, formerly of Girlie Action.

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 15 Howie Day (35) Jan. 16 Nick Valensi (35) Sade (57)

Jan. 17 Kid Rock (45) Steve Earle (61) Mick Taylor (67) Francoise Hardy (72) Jan. 19 John Wozniak (45) Dolly Parton (70)

Jan. 20 Gary Barlow (45) Paul Stanley (64) Jan. 21

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01-04

Animator Robert Balser, who co-directed the cartoon sequences in The Beatles' 1968 film Yellow Submarine, died of complications from respiratory failure in Los Angeles. He was 88.

Nicholas Caldwell, an original member of the R&B vocal group **The Whispers**, died of congestive heart failure in San Francisco. He was 71.



Bjork bought her ex-husband, artist Matthew Barney, out of their 3,000-square-foot penthouse apartment in New York's Brooklyn Heights, for \$1.6 million.

Round Hill Music acquired the recorded masters of poppunk outfit **The Offspring** for an estimated \$35 million.



01-08

01-09

Bicycle Music signed an exclusive worldwide publishing-administration agreement with the estate of George Harrison.

American Idol seasonfive winner Taylor Hicks signed with Agency for the Performing Arts.

Universal Music Group appointed **David Blackman** to the newly created role of head of film and television development and production and Scott Landis as a special adviser on theatrical development and production.

T-Mobile and jointventure partners Anschutz Entertainment Group and MGM Resorts International inked a deal for their new Las Vegas arena, to be officially named T-Mobile Arena, in a multiyear namingrights agreement.

American Idol season-11 alum Colton Dixon married longtime girlfriend Annie Coggeshall in Nashville.

The Guardian announced that Alanis Morissette will write an advice column for its Weekend magazine.



01-13

01-14



01-05











1 Best original song nominee Wiz Khalifa (right) on the red carpet with his "See You Again" collaborator Charlie Puth. 2 Zoe Kravitz and Mad Max: Fury Road director — and best director nominee — George Miller at the InStyle/ Warner Bros. afterparty at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. 3 Taraji P. Henson posed in the press room with her best actress trophy. 4 Nominee Queen Latifah and presenter Andy Samberg at HBO's official afterparty at the Beverly Hilton hotel.



The Golden Globes

LOS ANGELES, JAN. 10

FAMOUSLY NO-HOLDS-BARRED HOST RICKY GERVAIS LENT AN AURA OF BITING playfulness to the 73rd annual Golden Globes. While presenting the award for best score, Jamie Foxx, whose daughter Corinne served as Miss Golden Globe, jokingly announced the winner as (the unnominated) Straight Outta Compton in a deliberate Steve Harvey reference. The star then apologized to Ice Cube, after revealing the actual winner, The Hateful Eight's Ennio Morricone. Taraji P. Henson passed out cookies on her way to the podium in honor of the Empire role that got her her first Globe for best actress in a television series drama. Lady Gaga celebrated her move to the small screen by winning a statue for her work on American Horror Story: Hotel as The Countess, confessing, "I wanted to be an actress before I wanted to be a singer, but music worked out first." Among the other music-world heavy hitters in attendance were Jennifer Lopez, nominee Queen Latifah and Katy Perry, who presented the award for best original song to Sam Smith for "Writing's on the Wall," his contribution to the Spectre soundtrack.







Help Haiti Home Gala

BEVERLY HILLS, JAN. 9

1 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers performed for an A-list crowd that included Justin Bieber, Leonardo DiCaprio and Mark Ruffalo at the Sean Penn & Friends' fifth annual Help Haiti Home gala at the Montage Hotel to benefit the J/P Haitian Relief Organization.
2 Brad Paisley (left) and Kevin Nealon. 3 Madonna, who performed "La Vie en Rose," with ex-husband Penn.





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5 "This is a dream come true. To get to write a song for James Bond is just unbelievable," said "Writing's on the Wall" co-writer Jimmy Napes (left) while accepting the award for best original song alongside Smith. **6** Perry rocked Prada, and a "bump it" hairstyle. **7** Jimmy lovine and fiancee Liberty Ross attended HBO's afterparty at the Beverly Hilton hotel. 8 Crazy Ex-Girlfriend star/co-creator Rachel Bloom feted her win for best performance by an actress in a television series (musical or comedy) alongside her husband, writer-producer Dan Gregor, at HBO's bash. 9 Lopez wowed in a caped Giambattista Valli dress, Jimmy Choos and 200 carats of Harry Winston diamonds. 10 From left: Foxx, Denzel Washington and Will Smith. 11 Charli XCX at the InStyle/ Warner Bros. afterparty.





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Celebration For The Film *Freeheld*

LOS ANGELES, JAN. 5

HOLLYWOOD EMERGED FROM ITS POSTHOLIDAY HAZE FOR A STAR-studded party hosted by producer-musician Linda Perry. The cause for celebration? The film Freeheld, for which Perry penned the song "Hands of Love" (sung by Miley Cyrus). Among the attendees were lan Astbury of The Cult, actress Juliette Lewis and Courtney Love, each of whom took the stage. Love, who arrived at private club Community clutching the arm of daughter Frances Bean Cobain, performed for an audience that included Freeheld star Ellen Page, Tobey Maguire, and Jessica and Ashlee Simpson. But Christina Aguilera's pipes stole the show. Remarking that she had been suffering from the flu, Aguilera slayed on a sparse, powerful rendition of John Lennon's "Mother," which she called one of her "all-time favorites."









1 From left: Eric Johnson and wife Jessica Simpson with Ashlee Simpson and husband Evan Ross. 2 Love, who performed a cover of Radiohead's "Creep" for the audience, remarked, "I feel like I'm on American Idol or something." 3 Aguilera (left) with Perry's wife, Sara Gilbert. 4 Perry and Jakob Dylan. 5 Lewis delivered a fierce cover of AC/DC's "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap."



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NASTY EL NINO-FUELED STORM HAS just made landfall in Malibu, and it's washing red slurry across the Pacific Coast Highway as a sleek black BMW heads south.

Anderson Paak is dry inside, sunk into a leather seat, but the drive reminds him of leaner times. It barely has been a year since he had to wake at 5 a.m. every Sunday and make the 60-mile drive back up this road so he could earn some rent money drumming at his hometown church in Oxnard. On the drive, he would daydream about a far-off time like now.

"I put a list together," he recalls. "It was like: Get health insurance, get a car, get a bigger apartment, travel more, get a record deal, get a publishing deal, sell 10,000 units, be a part of a No. 1 album, make a million dollars. I got to check off 90 percent of the stuff last year. I hit some serious landmarks in 2015."



The 29-year-old singer-songwriter-instrumentalist born Brandon Paak Anderson, whose style hybridizes gut-wrenching soul howling and rappish singspeak, doesn't have much need for such resolutions entering 2016. Last night he was in the studio with Travis Barker. Before that it was T.I. He recently recorded with Macklemore and has plans to link with Kendrick Lamar. It all began last spring, when an Aftermath A&R rep called Paak in to sing over a beat for an unnamed Dr. Dre project. He was skeptical — Dre's Detox album-that-never-was had become an industrywide symbol of unfulfilled promises, after all. But when he got to the studio, the G-funk legend was there, ready to hear the song that earned Paak the invite.

"I was like, 'Oh, shit — Dre hasn't heard 'Suede' yet,' " says Paak, referring to the woozy viral hit (more than 1 million SoundCloud listens and nearly as many YouTube plays) by his **NxWorries** duo with producer **Knxwledge**. "I'm thinking he might just cut it off and walk out the room; he's notorious for that. But he started bobbing his head, then says, 'Play that again.' And he cranked it, bro—I mean, it hurt my ears. After the third time, he was like, 'All right. Let's work.'"

The demo Paak went in for wound up on Dre's *Compton* album (No. 1 on Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums, with a Grammy nom for best rap album, too), as did seven other songs sporting his raspy pipes, including standout solo track "Animals," which he had written with **DJ Premier** for a solo release. But after stealing the spotlight on *Compton*, Paak still has got enough to go around: On Jan. 15, he will release his excellent second LP, *Malibu* (Steel Wool/OBE/Art Club), with guest stars as diverse as **Schoolboy Q**, **The Game**, **Talib Kweli**

and jazz keyboardist **Robert Glasper**, and a hip-hop dream team of producers including underground icons **9th Wonder**, **Hi-Tek** and **Madlib** (also an Oxnard native). There will be a NxWorries full-length in 2016 too, on esteemed indie label Stones Throw. "My Wikipedia page is looking crazy," says Paak with a smile.

"I'm just now finding out how young Anderson is — I thought he was much older," says Kweli, 40. "When I hear his music, I hear an old soul, someone who has a deep well of musical knowledge. It's a classic sound."

Paak takes pride in the fact that he intersects Los Angeles musical circles that typically don't overlap, from gangsta rap to underground to **Odd Future** (he toured with **Earl Sweatshirt** in 2015). He named his 2014 debut *Venice* for the boulevard that cuts a long swath through the city's disparate neighborhoods, and his new album is a sequel of sorts. "I was exploring a lot of sounds then, trying to find what's unique to me," says Paak. "*Malibu* is the maturation of that. It's where we were going — it's a destination."

The journey has been far from easy. He recalls one of his worst days, when he was 7, and his estranged father, a former Air Force mechanic, returned home: "My little sister and I went out front, and my pops was on top of my mom. There was blood in the street. He was arrested, and that was the last time I saw him. I think he did 14 years." Then, shortly after starting his senior year of high school: "I got a call in class: 'They arrested your mom today.'" She pled guilty to defrauding investors of millions using her produce distribution company, then went away to prison for seven years.

For a decade, Paak bounced around among family's houses, friends' couches, odd jobs and sporadic music gigs (his early stuff is credited to **Breezy Lovejoy**). He changed diapers at a home for the developmentally disabled, bagged groceries at Ralph's, tried culinary school, got married, had that annulled, got married again and had a son, Soul, who's now 5. Life began to normalize when he got work at a legal pot farm in Santa Barbara, but in 2011 he was unexpectedly let go and, soon after, became homeless.

"When I hear Paak's music, I hear an old soul. It's a classic sound." —TALIB KWELI

"We had nowhere to go. I had my whole family in a U-Haul," says Paak, as the BMW passes the Santa Monica pier. "We had a little bit of money left from the few shows I'd done and the little bit of weed we could sell, but we'd exhausted all our options."

After a stint at a Chinatown motel, Paak finally found his family a permanent home, thanks to a tour drumming gig with American Idol finalist Haley Reinhart. Three years later, on Malibu, he doesn't shy away from the grit in his past, but the story he tells is as colorful as it is hopeful. After all, the drama he deals with today is comparatively mild. Paak remembers a night working on Compton when Dre had the team scrambling to find the perfect recording of an ocean wave. "I thought everyone was going to get fired," he recalls. To the contrary: Paak lets it slip that they're working on more music together.

PAAK'S MALIBU MUSTS

The singer's go-to spots in and around the Pacific-side town that inspired his LP



Duke's Malibu

"The Poke tacos are flame.
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"There's a gigantic sand dune across from the beach — I remember driving it as a little kid. My mom would pull over and we would race up the dunes. I love that!" 9000 W. Pacific Coast Highway



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"I love this meditation spot.
There are monks there. It's away from the hustle and bustle. You get an opportunity to turn off your mind and go within. That's so important, and there's only a few times I've been able to do that. You can find that here and take it with you when you leave."

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PANIC AT THE DISCO GETS FRANK (SINATRA, THAT IS)

The chart-topping rock band is down from quartet to solo act, but frontman Brendon Urie is as confident as ever in his new, Ol' Blue Eyes-inspired music

BY CHRIS PAYNE

itting in *Billboard*'s New York offices and grinning like a kid who has got a secret, **Panic at the Disco**'s **Brendon Urie** can hardly contain his excitement. New album *Death of a Bachelor* (out Jan. 15 on DCD2/Fueled by Ramen) is the singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist's de facto first solo project — Panic's other remaining co-founder, **Spencer Smith**, departed in 2014.

"This album feels so much mine," says Urie, wearing an uncharacteristically casual outfit (a nondescript hoodie and jeans). The 28-year-old fully taking the reins feels somewhat inevitable: Panic first started to evolve from a collaboration of teenaged friends into more and more of Urie's vision with the 2009 departures of guitarist Ryan Ross and bassist Jon Walker. "That was my first chance to say, 'I have two less people telling me I have to compromise,' " recalls I Irie

But 11 years and three albums (two of which topped the Top Rock Albums chart) after the Las Vegas act's double-platinum 2005 debut, the Panic torch is still in good hands. Three new tracks—"LA Devotee," "Victorious" and "Emperor's New Clothes"—already have entered the top 10 of Rock Digital Songs; the lattermost and "Hallelujah" have cracked the Billboard Hot 100. Across the album, Urie surprises by mixing his operatic pop-punk with his love of **Frank Sinatra**— even if it sounds more like Ol' Blue Eyes rocking a gospel-influenced jock jam a

the Super Bowl. But don't worry, Panic fans: Urie's not planning on sporting a fedora any time soon.

Artists aren't talking about Sinatra influences much these days. What gives?

It's not really a popular consensus to sing Sinatra — which I love! And I just think it's so cool that he disliked rock'n'roll so much. He thought it was lazy; he couldn't understand what the singers were saying. To denounce rock is pretty badass. Bold move, Frank.

Where did your love of Frank come from?

Growing up, my earliest memories are listening to Sinatra Christmas albums. Now, I listen to him every day. Either I wake up and listen to him in the shower or I fall asleep listening to him. I wanted to figure out how to use that influence sonically for the first time, to present it in the way that I fell in love with him.

Would you rock a Frank-like fedora?

I have a massive hat collection, which includes many, many fedoras I haven't worn because of the stigma. I buy them thinking, "I'm going to make people accept fedoras!" But with the way I dress, if I wore a fedora, I'd be in the camp that gives them a bad name.

Don't Threaten Me With a Good Time" samples the famous guitar riff from "Rock Lobster" by The B-52s. How did that come about?

It started from the sample and then I got into the writing, hoping that I wouldn't have to discuss publishing rights. (Laughs.) I just really lucked out — [B-52s singer] **Kate Pierson** is friends of my management. She said, "I think it's really cool," and signed off on it. I was like, "You should come onstage when we play it live and sing the chorus with me." She's like, "Yeah, and you'll give me 100 percent of the publishing!" No, that's a joke. She's such a sweetheart.

Panic was discovered by Pete Wentz of Fall Out Boy, whose American Beauty/American Psycho was one of 2015's top-selling rock albums. Do you think Death of a Bachelor is better?

Of course I do! (*Laughs*.) I hope Pete hears that. On a serious tip, I have to believe I'm doing the greatest thing. It's like being a rapper — you've got to believe 100 percent in what you're doing or it's just fake.

Most rock musicians don't talk that way.

It's more self-deprecating. There's more self-loathing, like, "I'm not worthy." To be honest, I'm the opposite.

You used to be really active on Vine but now you're more into Periscope. Why?

Most of the people that are big on Vine are godawful, and I was fed up. I won't name names. Well, maybe I should. (*Laughs*.) Periscope is just a live stream, and it's a cooler way for me to interact with fans. I love the new ways to interact with everybody in this world. It puts people on the same page, like, "Yeah, we're not so different. We all like watching each other make breakfast."



'MICHAEL NEVER DOUBTED HIMSELF'

On the eve of Sundance, director Spike Lee on his revealing new Michael Jackson doc, "bananas" candidate Donald Trump and the best scene in Star Wars: The Force Awakens

BY ROB TANNENBAUM PHOTOGRAPHED BY ERIC OGDEN

Your new documentary, Michael Jackson's Journey From Motown to Off the Wall, is a lot of fun to watch. It was the simplest period of his life, wasn't it, before all the tabloid headlines and abuse accusations?

Back in 1979, there was no big pressure on Michael for *Off the Wall*. There were no expectations. It all turned after *Thriller*—things get complicated when you sell the most records ever. People got swept up in *Thriller*, but *Off the Wall*'s my favorite of the three records he did with **Quincy Jones**. Many people say that in the documentary, too.

His mom, Katherine, says Michael was very hurt when he won only one Grammy Award for *Off the Wall* in 1980. How much did that motivate him?

Michael Jordan's a good friend of mine. Any negative thing someone says to him, he uses that as fuel. When Michael didn't win the Grammys he thought he should have won, it's like, "Alright, motherf—ers. I got somethin' for yo' ass." And that was *Thriller*.

Michael never seemed like an "alright, motherf—ers" kind of guy.

No, he was. Let's not get it twisted: Michael was competitive. Any record he did, he wanted the thing to be No. 1. He was hurt, and he came back with a vengeance.

Did you like Michael?

Yeah. Mike came to my house in Brooklyn. I put on the CD—this was [1995's] *HIStory*—and he said, "Pick any song you want to direct." So I picked "Stranger in Moscow." He said, "No, that's not the one you want! You want to do 'They Don't Care About Us.'" (*Laughs.*) Michael was slick.

When Michael was making Off the Wall, a lot of people thought his career was over, didn't they?

There were doubts. But Michael never doubted himself. He just knew he had been given the freedom to do his thing. And to do that, he and his brothers first had to get out of a Motown contract. And then he had to step away from his brothers, too. Family is a cross to bear.

In the movie, you don't address Michael's accusation that his dad, Joe, was physically abusive. Why not?

Here's the thing, and I appreciate your question: So many people focus on the other stuff. We wanted to focus on the music. People might say that's a cop-out. I don't care. Personally, I'm not going to say Joe Jackson was a bad guy. Have you ever been to the Jacksons' house in Gary, Indiana? There were nine kids sleeping on top of each other. He saw talent in his kids, and he made it work. Nowadays, if you hit your kid, you're going to jail. Back then, if you messed around — I'm just talking for black folks — you got hit. I don't think children should be beat, but sometimes, upside the head? (Shrugs.) Maybe I'm old-fashioned. And that house in Gary? That should be a national landmark. Alright, President **Obama**. You've got one year left. (*Laughs*.)

It seems like Joe was simultaneously the best artist manager of all time and the worst.

Joe's OK in my book. Of course, he wasn't my father! (*Laughs*.)

Michael's brothers Jackie and Marlon, who have good relationships with John Branca and John McClain, the executors of Jackson's estate, are in the film. But Janet, Jermaine and Randy, who have denounced the executors, are not in it. Why?

They didn't want to be a part of it. It's no secret that there's tension between [parts of] the family and the estate. Any time money's involved, there's going to be static.



John Legend is one of many musicians featured in Michael Jackson's Journey From Motown to Off the Wall.

There's one thing about your documentary that isn't great: the title. Why such a cumbersome title?

Wasn't me.

Was the title dictated to you by the estate?

It wasn't me. (*Laughs*.) Man, I should be running for office right now. That was a true politician's answer, wasn't it? Give me Iowa!

Speaking of: Do you know fellow New Yorker Donald Trump?

I've seen him at Knicks games, before he was running for president. He was a nice guy. But it's bananas now, the stuff he's saying. When he says, "Make America great again"? What great you talking about? Great like when women and black people couldn't vote? Great like when gay people couldn't get married? Great like when Bull Connor turned water cannons and German shepherds on people in Birmingham, Alabama? There is a feeling that the stature of the white man is not what it used to be. When you're down on your luck, you look for a scapegoat.

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Have you seen Star Wars: The Force Awakens?

My wife and I went to the premiere. I liked it very much. For me, the amazing part was during the opening scene, with the *Flash Gordon* crawl and the **John Williams** score. People lost their motherf—ing minds! That was powerful. People went ape shit! (*Laughs*.)

This is your second Jackson documentary — the first was *Bad 25*. Do you want to do another one?

I'd really like to do a documentary about *Thriller*. I've let the estate know, but I've not been given the job yet.

Do you think the success of *Thriller* was bad for Michael's music? After that, he was obsessed with topping it.

Thriller became a monster on his back. Every record after that, he was trying to sell more records. I think there's a cost for that.



MUSIC IN THE **MOUNTAINS**

More than 50,000 people will descend on Park City, Utah, for the 2016 Sundance Film Festival Jan. 21-31. Movies are the main draw, but music is everywhere too



MUST-SEE MOVIE

Music docs will make a splash: Aside from Spike Lee's Michael Jackson's Journey From Motown to Off the Wall

(see story, page 24), there also is Thorsten Schutte's Eat That Question: Frank Zappa in His Own Words, which spotlights the late iconoclast with rare live footage and interviews. Jan. 25, Prospector Square Theatre, 2200 Sidewinder Drive, sundance.org



ALL-STAR EVENT

Executive producers Jack White, T Bone Burnett and Sundance founder Robert Redford preview American Epic, their PBS series about early recorded music, followed by The Avett Brothers performing. Jan. 28, Eccles Theater, 1750 Kearns Blvd., sundance.org



HOTTEST TICKET(S) IN TOWN

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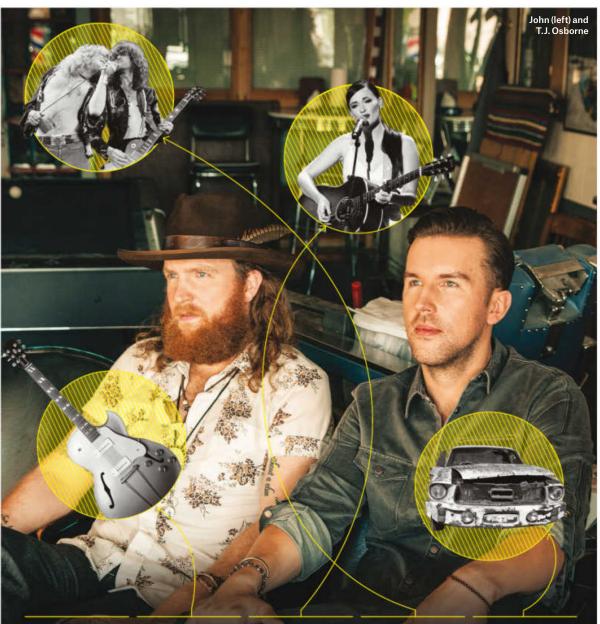


Artists like Big Boi hit this outpost of Hollywood's Rock & Reilly's for its pubby atmosphere and celeb-studded parties. 427 Main St., rnrpub.com/ park-city -MELINDA NEWMAN

MY INSPIRATIONS

Cars, Country And Kacey

One of Nashville's hottest new acts, Brothers Osborne didn't even need an album to get a Grammy nod. Single "Stay a Little Longer" (No. 4 on Country Airplay) nabbed a best country duo/group performance nomination weeks before their EMI Nashville debut, Pawn Shop, arrived Jan. 15. John, 34, and T.J., 32, share the unlikely people (Babyface!), places (Maryland?) and history (hanging with Kacey Musgraves) that inspired their sound



OLD-SCHOOL R&B

The Osbornes make laid-back country with wry tales of blue-collar life and jammy rock flourishes, but *Pawn* Shop is the product of much broader listening habits. "I love **Toni Braxton** and Babyface," says T.J. "I didn't even know what genres were until embarrassingly late in life. If it was good, I listened to it. And that's how we tried to make the record: What makes it cool? It just feels good."

PAWN-SHOP FINDS

"We go to pawn shops in almost every city we visit," says John of their album title. "It's a race to see who can find that one cool steal. They're kind of sad places, actually. But every story's sad until you find a bit of humor in it. Humor is the only thing you have sometimes." Adds T.J.: "We go straight for the guitars. We walk in and scan every one within seconds — we're like the Terminator.'

CLASSIC ROCK DUOS

With John on guitar and T.J. on vocals, the pair looks to similar duos for inspiration. "It's an old-school rock thing, like Robert Plant and Jimmy Page [above] or Joe Perry and Steven Tyler," says John of their music's guitarand vocal-heavy arrangements. "It just made sense to play to our strengths. I think we got nominated for that Grammy because we had these two strong elements.

NEIGHBORHOOD SMALL-TOWN BUDDIES

"Almost like a musicians' dorm" is how T.J. describes the East Nashville hangouts the brothers once shared with Kacey Musgraves, her bandleader-boyfriend Misa Arriga, Charlie Worsham and other rising musicians. "It was incredible. We were always at jam sessions with Kacev. We'd hang out, smoke weed and play until four in the morning. Surprisingly, the police never got called.

ROOTS

The Osbornes came up playing dive bars in their hometown of Deale, Md. "Everyone asks, 'How'd you get into country in Maryland?'" says John. "But it's just as country as anywhere else. Everybody's got a mailbox hanging by a thread and cars in the yard. Dad had this old Mustang — it was a haven for rodents. Deale's gritty and tough; that's why our songs are gritty and tough." —JEWLY HIGHT



"Learn the difference between 'you're' and 'your,' dingbat."

to her 2014 onstage tumble.

-NICKI MINAJ

The rapper gets the last word in a Twitter feud with Teen Mom star Farrah Abraham.

"We had originally planned to have an elephant in the video, but when it was time to use the elephant it had fallen asleep. The trainer said, 'If I wake him up, he will kill everyone.'

-DIPLO

The producer, in a Facebo post, on filming the (elephant-less) "Lean On" video with Maior Lazer and MØ, which recently hit 1 billion worldwide views on YouTube

RZA

"I have no interest in working with anyone who is too important or too good or too traditional to take a call at 3 a.m."

KANYE WEST

The rapper, evidently a night owl, tweeting about what he's looking for in a collaborator.

"I just didn't know what was passing me — that's all!"

-LEONARDO DICAPRIO

The Revenant star to ET on his look of alarm when Lady Gaga brushed against him at the Golden Globes.

"'Please wrap?' I've waited 20 years for this - you're gonna wait!"

—TARAJI P. HENSON

The actress, aka Empire record executive Cookie Lyon, accepting her Golden Globe for best actress in a television series, drama.

"When you think about the brothers who are being brutalized by the police, you also have to take a look in the mirror at the image we portray."

-RZA

The MC taking a much criticized stance on racism to Bloomberg.

OVERHEARD

Bloom

BY SELMA FONSECA

In Pursuit Of Perry

Orlando Bloom locked onto Katy Perry just minutes after her arrival at the Weinstein Company's Golden Globes afterparty in Beverly Hills on Jan. 10. The actor was flirting with actress Rooney Mara at the soiree, until he saw Perry join movie mogul Harvey Weinstein's corner table, which was surrounded by bodyguards and black rope. Bloom, who was sipping Fiji water (which sponsored

the event), made a beeline for the VIP enclosure

and soon was exchanging digits with the "Firework" singer and puffing on her vapor cigarette. When Perry headed for the exit, the pop star — who was photographed with intermittent beau John Mayer on New Year's Eve — kept looking back to make sure Bloom was

following. He was.

Madonna Misses Rocco At Penn Party Sean Penn was clearly on Madonna's mind at her ex-husband's Help Haiti Home benefit in Beverly Hills on Jan. 9, and so was her son Rocco Ritchie. Partygoers who listened closely to the singer's speech — in which she said, "Sean ... I love you, from the first moment I laid eyes on you, and I still love you just the same" — also noted that Madonna wistfully recalled the time she "went to Haiti with Sean and my son Rocco and we had such an amazing

adventure." Madonna, who's engaged in a custody battle over Rocco with ex No. 2, director Guy Ritchie, attended the event with her three other children.

Lourdes, David and Mercy.

Madonna



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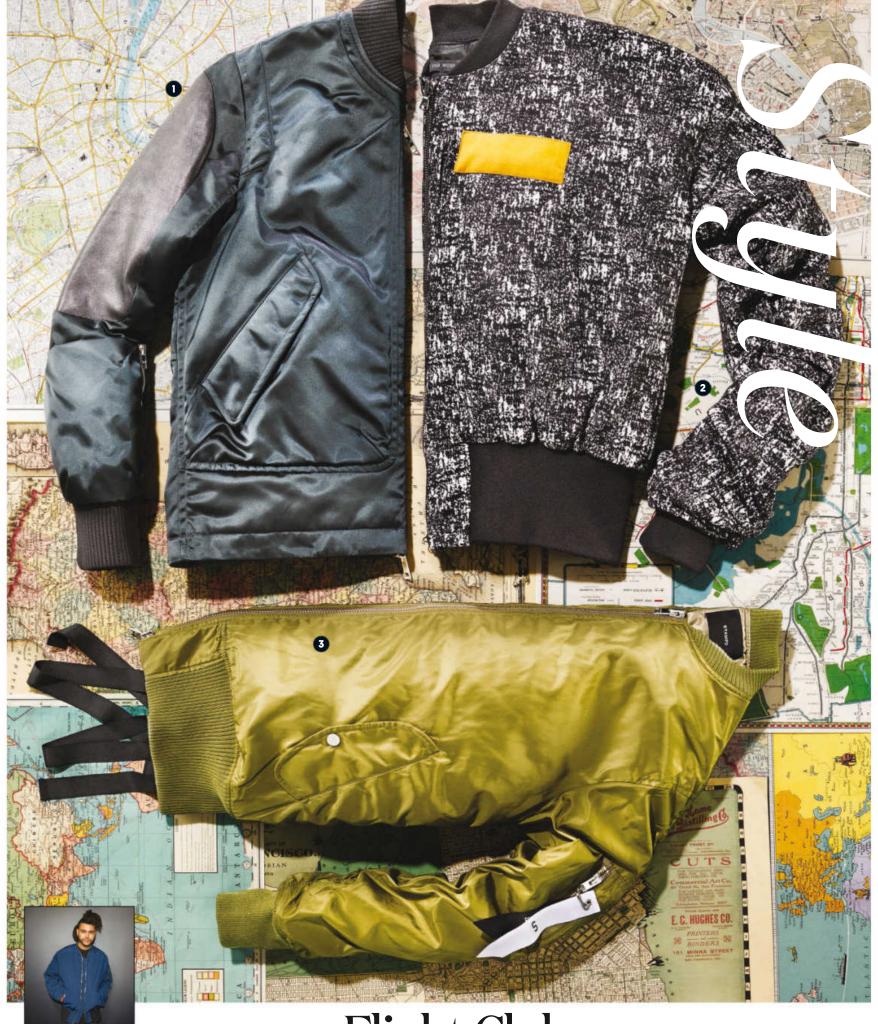
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Wild Belle's Vintage Look (And Sound)

The Motown- and reggae-tinged folk-rock siblings on their fashion essentials

BY JAIME LUBIN
PHOTOGRAPHED BY LUCY HEWETT

HEN IT COMES TO THEIR prized possessions, siblings

Natalie and Elliot Bergman, better-known as the band Wild Belle, likely have lost them at some point. There was the opossum jacket that vocalist-guitarist Natalie, 26, believed to be gone for two years before finding it in their dad's basement; and the bronzed-bell Nigerian necklace that keyboardist-bassist Elliot, 34, received from their mother (the late author Susan Bergman) and which had disappeared for months before resurfacing. "It wouldn't be important if you didn't lose it!" jokes Natalie.

The Chicago natives, who cite **Miles Davis** and **Fela Kuti** as major musical influences, often acquire their earthy-meets-edgy clothes from antique markets and regard every item as symbolic of a journey. So far their journey has included a collaboration with **Diplo**, a spot on the *Pitch Perfect* soundtrack and front-row Fashion Week seats. This spring they'll release their sophomore album, *Dreamland* (Columbia), for which they just dropped the single "Throw Down Your Guns."

1. A BREED APART Natalie purchased her formerly misplaced opossum jacket at New York's hip vintage depot Narnia. "Opossums have a bad rap," she says. "They're pretty wild and beautiful and trying to find a home just like the rest of us." Elliot's jacket came from a friend. "I thought it was unusual and classic, like Brian Eno."

2. HEAD CASE "I've always been attracted to skulls," says Natalie of her Damien Hirst rings. "[Hirst] has a dark, twisted sensibility [that] inspires me."

3. FAMILY MATTERS Elliot,

who sculpts and casts bells himself, proudly wears this keepsake in his mother's memory. "She gave it to me before she passed away. It's so special for me."







"He Don't Love You (And He'll Break Your Heart)"

Levon & The Hawks "A really great soul song that I've been listening to 10 times a day lately," says Elliot.

"A Mighty Good Lover"

The Vashonettes
Elliot notes that the track is
produced by Charles Stepney,
"one of the underrated heroes of
Chicago soul music."

"Dreamland"

Della Humphrey

"The song that inspired our record," says Natalie. "There are many versions of it, but I love this sort of wayward tune."

"Express Yourself"

Leroy Sibbles

"I love this version," says Natalie of the song originally released by Charles Wright & The Watts 103rd Street Rhythm Band.



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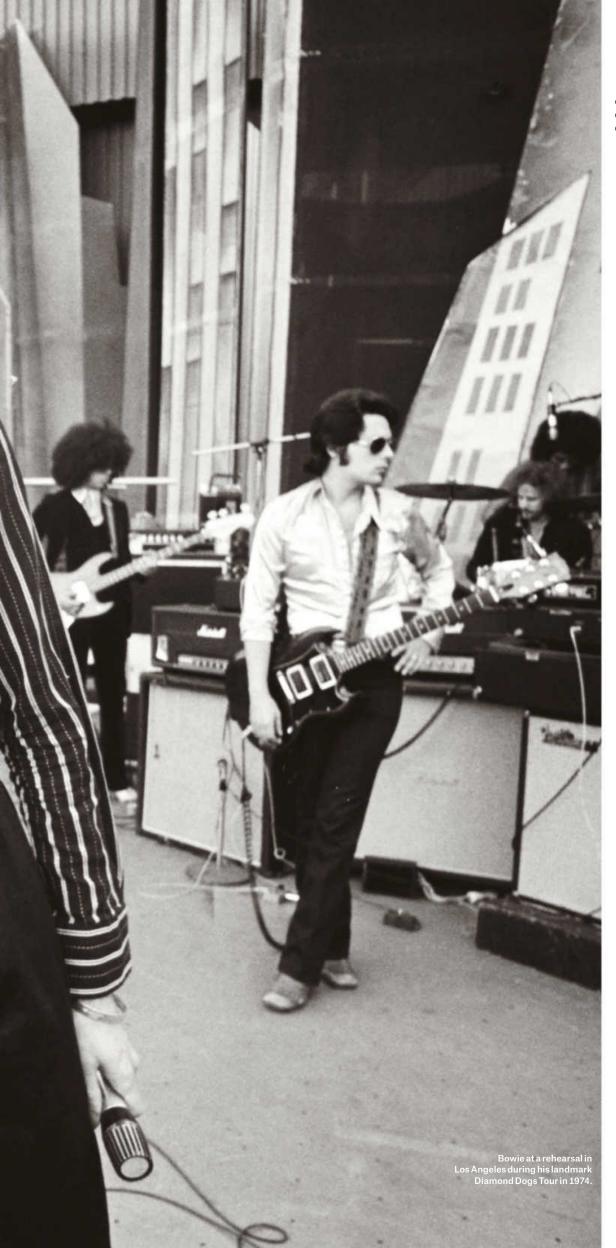
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HE GREATEST GIFT THAT
 David Bowie bequeathed to popular music wasn't a sound or style — though he had plenty of those — but an idea: that art, like life, is a series of performances, and each version of the self is as real or unreal as any other.
 Freed from the gravitational pull of authenticity, a pop star could be anything or anyone, and the play along. Bowie made constant

audience would play along. Bowie made constant reinvention the engine of pop.

Bowie maintained his dedication to new ideas right up until he died, in New York on Jan. 10, two days after his 69th birthday. Eighteen months after 2013's The Next Day, the muscular, self-quoting comeback record that ended a decade of apparent retirement, he was diagnosed with cancer but told few people and threw himself into two ambitious projects: the mysterious, jazz-influenced album Blackstar and the stage musical Lazarus. Bowie's death cast both projects in a new light, illuminating a trail of clues, but he often had sung about death and legacy, and until his passing there was no reason to assume he was wrapping up his long, remarkable career. On Blackstar, which may well become the most avant-garde album ever to debut at No. 1 on the Billboard 200, he seemed to be moving forward. "He always did what he wanted to do," wrote his longtime producer Tony Visconti in a remembrance. "And he wanted to do it his way, and he wanted to do it the best way. His death was no different from his life - a work of art."

Bowie wasn't the first artist to evolve fast, but unlike Bob Dylan or The Beatles, he demarcated each chapter with new costumes, influences and, in the case of Ziggy Stardust and the Thin White Duke, personae. Yet even as he highlighted the artifice — the suburban alien, the "white limey" soul singer — each incarnation contained the emotional truth of a man who feared that he felt too deeply, or not deeply enough. He was inspired by marketing and fame, a phenomenon he wanted to investigate from the inside, but also by profound doubts about his mental health. "Sometimes I don't feel as if I'm a person at all," he said in 1972. "I'm just a collection of other people's ideas." His most creative decade, the 1970s, was also his most psychologically tumultuous, but he continued to believe that transformation was a duty and a pleasure.

Bowie was the first pop star to venerate his fans, many of whom became artists. To such fleet-footed, style-conscious 1980s pop stars as Madonna and Depeche Mode — the generation the Pet Shop Boys described as "Bowie's children" — Bowie was the map and the compass, suggesting new ways to make art and to live. He had a similarly galvanizing effect on acts including Lady Gaga, LCD Soundsystem and Trent Reznor. If a suburban English weirdo with bad teeth could remake himself over and over again, then so could they. In "Rebel Rebel," a love letter to his misfit tribe, he sang, "You like me and I like it all."

More than anyone, Bowie enshrined imagination, playfulness and relentless forward motion as pop's cardinal virtues. He taught that it's not who you are that matters, but all the different people you could be.

BY DORIAN LYNSKEY





TMSTEPPING THROUGHTHE DOOR'

Friend Nina Simone once said Bowie was "not human; David ain't from here." Indeed, before any earthling ever set foot on the moon, the performer was deep in outer space, standing at his own version of the crossroads and transfixing generations of fans too weird for this world

BY JODY ROSEN



ON'T BE AFRAID OF THE MAN IN the moon/Because it's only me." So sang 20-year-old David Bowie in "Love You Till Tuesday," one of a dozen songs on his self-titled 1967 debut album. This was a tune sung not by the light of the silv'ry moon, as in a thousand pop ditties of yore, but crooned from the moon — a signal blasted back to Earth.

Two years after that LP came

another, far more assured self-titled set, later renamed *Space Oddity* after its most famous track. There were many more space songs to come: "Moonage Daydream," "Starman," "Life on Mars?," "Hallo Spaceboy," "Dancing out in Space," "Born in a UFO." Eventually, Bowie's science fiction became fact: In 2013, astronaut Chris Hadfield recorded a viral video version of "Space Oddity," strumming his acoustic while floating through the International Space Station. It was a fitting tribute to a man whose music seemed unbound by earthly forces.

Space was never far from Bowie's thoughts. In a TV interview in 2000, he quipped: "Is there life on Mars? Yes, it has just landed here." He meant the Internet, which he called "an alien life form." Of course, pop culture's supreme alien was Bowie himself. The most indelible of his alter-egos was the flame-haired extraterrestrial rock star Ziggy Stardust. He played another visitor from space — a kind of goth E.T. — in Nicolas Roeg's cult-film classic *The Man Who Fell to Earth*. Even offstage, Bowie's presence was otherworldly. Nina Simone, whom he befriended in the early '70s, admiringly deemed him "not human." "David ain't from here," she said.

Bowie's early embrace of science fiction was a sign of the times. "Space Oddity" was recorded on June 20, 1969, exactly one month before the Apollo 11 moon landing. Before Bowie, pop sci-fi had been pure kitsch — goofy novelty hits like "Flying Saucer Rock'n'Roll" and "Martian Hop." But in Bowie's work, outer space plays the same role as the crossroads in Delta blues or the New Jersey Turnpike in Bruce Springsteen's catalog. It's a place and it's a muse; it's an all-purpose metaphor that takes in existential conundrums, utopian fantasies, dystopian nightmares, parables about technology and sex and fame and rock'n'roll.

Ziggy Stardust was an elaborate performance-art jape about the superhuman, even messianic, qualities with which audiences invest in rock stars. But Bowie didn't just place himself above the adoring crowd; he also situated himself among it. Impersonating an alien, he spoke to the alienated, to those who, by dint of sexual preference or adolescent confusion or fabulous hair and makeup and clothes, felt like they had tumbled to Earth from a distant planet. "I'm the space invader/I'll be a rock'n'rollin' bitch for you," sang Bowie. Millions heard themselves as that "you" and took his words as a pledge of solidarity, a tribal code.

A different kind of proclamation can be heard on Bowie's new single "Lazarus": "Look up here, I'm in heaven ... I've got nothing left to lose." Here he sings not as a space invader, but as a voyager in the opposite direction, a human who has slipped the bonds of Earth and ascended to the firmament. Like other songs on the grimly beautiful *Blackstar*, "Lazarus" brings into focus the mystical-spiritual yearning behind Bowie's astral visions. Listen again to the words he warbles in "Space Oddity" as the doomed Major Tom exits his space capsule: "I'm stepping through the door." David Bowie has stepped through the door; the pain of his departure is both sharpened and eased by the bounty of mind-widening music he left behind. If, some day, we need to send a peace offering to our intergalactic adversaries, we could do worse than to load the Bowie discography on a flash drive, strap it to a rocket and blast it to the stars.

Above, from left: Onstage in 1973; a still from the documentary Ziggy Stardust and The Spiders From Mars, also in 1973.

'HE CHANGED MY LIFE'

Friends, lovers, collaborators and admirers remember Bowie's genius for invention and generosity of spirit

PHIL COLLINS

Everybody seemed to like David. You never knew what to expect, and that made him one of a kind.



NILE RODGERS

Had it not been for Bowie, I don't know what would have happened to me. [In the early '80s, before Bowie asked me to produce Let's Dance and Black Tie White Noise], I'd had six flops in a row. He pulled a drowning man onto the boat. And not only did we row to shore, we rowed into Monaco.

DOC HAMMER, CO-CREATOR OF THE VENTURE BROS.

My Bowie never put on a goofy wig and sang with Muppets and babies. My Bowie sat in a frail heap in the back of a limo, dressed for his alien world — one that craved style and treated gender as an afterthought. Maybe yours is Jareth, the romantic Goblin King. Maybe your Bowie has orange hair or even a mullet. Hey, it's your Bowie, and only you get it.

STEVE LEVINE, PRODUCER (CULTURE CLUB, BEACH BOYS)

I was producing an artist who shall remain nameless. David and Nile Rodgers were in the next studio. The artist I was working with had this girl who he desperately wanted to shag, and she was a massive Bowie fan. He said: "Do me a favor, David? Can you film something with me and act like you're my best mate?" And he did it.

PETER FRAMPTON

David called me up after [Frampton's commercially lackluster 1986 album] Premonition and said, "I love what you're playing. Would you come and do that on my album?" And then he said, "Want to come on tour?" He reintroduced me in arenas I couldn't fill anymore.

JESSIE J

The reaction of so many people around the world is proof of what an inspiration Bowie was to so many people.

CARLOS ALOMAR. LONGTIME GUITARIST

He fooled us in the end, didn't he? We're left to negotiate his death. Are *Blackstar*'s lyrics encrypted? Well, damn it, every Bowie song is encrypted. It's a weird place that we find ourselves, which is exactly the legacy of David Bowie.

ADAM LAMBERT

[When I was] talking to Queen about the "Under Pressure" recording sessions, they said that the song was created mostly by Freddie [Mercury] and David freestyling — proof of their genius.



YACCO TAKAHASHI, ZIGGY STARDUST-ERA FASHION STYLIST

I went to New York for David's first performance at Radio City. I worked wearing a black leotard and pantaloons. I added children's suspenders with glittered spangles on them, which nobody noticed — except, of course, David. He said, "How sweet your suspenders are!"

NICKY GRAHAM, KEYBOARDIST ON THE ZIGGY STARDUST U.K. TOUR

We never imagined David to be a major star. He was just the singer in the band. He didn't go in a limo while The Spiders went in a bus. Don't forget he had struggled for years to make it. He had gone through this folkie period when he had worn enormous baggy trousers, beautiful long hair and looked like a woman. But then suddenly it just went potty.

JAMES BAY

His fearlessness to be every and any version of himself is an inspiring thing for any performer.

JOSH GROBAN

One of the things artists can take away from his journey is a permission for uniqueness—that it's OK to take your time and figure out who you are.

TONI BASIL, CHOREOGRAPHER ON BOWIE'S 1974 AND 1987 TOURS

Nothing was the same for me after working with him — I was

GEORGE CLINTON

When [Parliament Funkadelic] was experimenting with outside theatrical concepts, he did *Diamond Dogs*, and I remember thinking, "Wow, we're on the same page," because I was all about aliens.



AVA CHERRY, BACKUP SINGER (1974-1978)

David turned to me [at a party] and said, "Are you a singer? I love your blond hair — you're different. Would you like to go on tour in Japan?" He changed the whole direction of my life.

GLENN HUGHES, FORMER DEEP PURPLE BASSIST-VOCALIST

I think [his mid-'70s time in Los Angeles] was called "the dark year." I think he got sober before I did. He was very

"He has taught us all a great lesson: how to make a graceful, intelligent, beautiful, startling and unforgettable exit."—*Bette Midler*

on the cover of a magazine, I was getting calls from all kinds of people to work with them. Everything I had done my entire career came to fruition.

PAUL SMITH, FASHION DESIGNER AND FRIEND

A friend of mine's son needed a suit, so he came into my shop in [London's] Covent Garden.

The boy came out of the changing room, and at the same time, the door to one of the other rooms opened and David Bowie walked out. "Wow, you look great!" he said to the kid. And this boy nearly passed out! That was just David.

generous to me — very loving, very giving, very funny.

TOBY FROUD, BABY CHARACTER IN LABYRINTH

It was amazing to have met David Bowie but also to have peed on him.

LINDSAY KEMP; DIRECTOR OF THE ZIGGY STARDUST CONCERTS, FORMER LOVER

In 1966, David came to see a little show that I was in. He was absolutely beautiful. He asked if I could teach him [to dance]. He was Apollonian, and I'm a Dionysian. I'm pretty much the same onstage and off: a drama queen. But he wasn't like that.



David Bowie: A Life

JAN. 8, 1947
David Robert Jones
is born in the Brixton
section of London to
Margaret "Peggy" Burns
and Haywood "John"
Jones. The couple marry
eight months later.



JUNE 5, 1964
Bowie's first band,
Davie Jones & The King
Bees, puts out its first
single, "Liza Jane," but
breaks up soon after.



JULY 11, 1969
Four years after changing his stage name to David Bowie — to avoid confusion with actor and future Monkee Davy Jones — the 22-year-old releases his breakthrough single, "Space Oddity."



FEB. 5, 1970
In a BBC session,
Bowie plays publicly
for the first time with
guitarist Mick Ronson,
who would soon
become the linchpin
of backing band The
Spiders From Mars.

Angie, Marlene And Iman

David Bowie inspired artists of all kinds but he, too, had his muses — two of whom he married

BY RACHEL SYME

AVID BOWIE was a theatrical production of David Jones, and like all theater, he required many people behind the scenes, pulling up the curtains and sewing the costumes. His first wife, Angie, was never shy about claiming credit for her role in the making of Ziggy Stardust: As she wrote of their early life, she "had been not only his wife but his stage manager. I looked after security, the costumes, lighting, stage design and the sound. I wanted everything to be perfect to bring his creative vision to life." Angie and David also had an open relationship, which allowed him to experiment with his sexuality, the kind of exploration made so much easier when there's someone looking after you, someone who never lets you down.

Bowie had as many muses as he did personae. Marlene Dietrich inspired him in

the Thin White Duke era. Elizabeth Taylor introduced him to John Lennon and tried to get him to go to Russia to make a film in which he would wear, in his words, "something red, gold and diaphanous." There was Edith Piaf and Shirley Bassey and transgender performerartist Romy Haag, who sparkled for Bowie and Mick Jagger in Berlin nightclubs. Haag says Bowie was four hours late to a tour date once because he was staying with her in Germany: "He didn't want to leave; that started his love affair with Berlin." There was his early publicist and lover Cherry Vanilla, who says she fomented his passion for fashion by setting up shopping trips. ("After I'd arranged for him to shop privately at the new Yves Saint Laurent boutique on Madison Avenue and get the most fabulous black wool overcoat," she wrote, "he came up the five flights of stairs to my apartment

and f—ed me without ever taking off the coat.")

Coco (aka Corinne)
Schwab was his longtime
assistant and right-hand
woman. She looked after
him, right down to his
nutrition: In an early profile
of Bowie, she goes to the
market and picks up extrarich milk, sighing, "I've got to
put more weight on that boy."

And then there was Iman, his wife of 23 years with whom he had a daughter, Alexandria, now 15. Iman allowed him to live as fully as David Jones in his family life as he did as Bowie onstage. "Having to share one's life with somebody else, you tend to talk a lot more," he told a reporter in 1999. "You'd better! I mean, I was quite content spending days without saying a word to anybody, quite alone, getting on with my own obsessive thing ... When I met Iman and we started living together, I kind of realized how much I'd missed."

Marlene Dietrich inspired him in the Thin White Duke era; Elizabeth Taylor introduced him to John Lennon.







TURNAND FACE THE STRANGE

When homosexuality was still considered a shameful secret to many, Bowie told the world he was gay, and music — and the lives of many of his fans and followers — would never be the same

BY BARRY WALTERS

'M GAY," DECLARED DAVID BOWIE, "AND ALWAYS have been, even when I was David Jones."

When he uttered these now-immortal words in the Jan. 22, 1972, issue of England's *Melody Maker*, the fledgling starman had just released December 1971's *Hunky Dory* and already was giving his interviewer a taste of his glam-rock milestone, June 1972's *The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and The Spiders From Mars*. The British Parliament had only decriminalized homosexuality in 1967; post-Stonewall U.S. gay life was not yet 3 years old.

He wasn't the first U.K. pop singer to come out (that was Dusty Springfield in 1970); he did it while newly married to Angie Bowie, months after fathering future film director Duncan Jones. But Bowie led the way in contextualizing pop through LGBT identity. The *Hunky Dory* song "Queen Bitch" is sung in gay vernacular ("She's so swishy in her satin and tat!") from the perspective of a participant in gay life and set to buzzing guitar chords clearly cribbed from The Velvet Underground, which earlier chronicled this gender-mutable world through its ties to Andy Warhol, who had a *Hunky Dory* tune written about him too.

That same year, Bowie scored a U.K. hit with "John, I'm Only Dancing," a wham-bam of pansexual knowingness considered too outre for U.S. release until his *ChangesOneBowie* collection in 1976. That was when Cameron Crowe prodded Bowie to tell *Playboy*, "It's true — I am a bisexual. But I can't deny that I've used that fact very well."

By then, Bowie's glam had transformed Elton John from stern balladeer to Technicolor rocker; gave ex-Velvets leader Lou Reed his first smash (the Bowie-produced account of Warhol's stupendously queer Factory, "Walk on the Wild Side"); shook U.K. pop out of its post-Beatles doldrums through glam-rockers Sweet, Slade, T. Rex and so many others; and shaped Elektra Records founder Jac Holzman's final signings before handing the reins to David Geffen: Those were Jobriath, an even more whimsical dandy, and Queen. And through his R&B radio success with "Young Americans" and "Fame," Bowie bolstered disco's early link between clandestine gay dance halls and defiantly upscale soul. He used his outsider stance not simply to be breathtaking; he also built bridges.

You can bet his sartorial influence on the cross-dressing New York Dolls and sponsorship of both Mott the Hoople (he wrote and produced "All the Young Dudes") and Iggy Pop similarly paved a confrontational path for what became punk. And when he went electronic in the late '70s, he begat Gary Numan, The Human League and the New Romantic club scene of Culture Club and Duran Duran. Suddenly, England's New Wave was awash with baby Bowies both male (Spandau Ballet) and female (Eurythmics' Annie Lennox) that filled the first playlists of MTV. Even disco's Grace Jones fully actualized her freakiness when she covered the Bowie/Pop tune "Nightclubbing," which set a stage for today's art-pop transgressions of Lady Gaga and Janelle Monae.

"I loved how he challenged people about how gender was represented," says Adam Lambert of Bowie's beyond-music contributions. Married to Iman, a Somali-American, since 1992, Bowie let unconventionally matched and gendered heteros know their nonconformity would be cool too. They could all be heroes, each and every day.

MARCH 20, 1970

Bowie marries actress Angela Barnett, who would give birth to their son, Zowie (aka future film director Duncan Jones) in May 1971.

JULY 6, 1972

Bowie performs
"Starman" — from
The Rise and Fall of
Ziggy Stardust and The
Spiders From Mars — on
British TV program
Top of the Pops, which
introduces the singer
and his Ziggy Stardust
persona to a generation.



JULY 3, 1973
After a show at
London's Hammersmith
Odeon, The Spiders
break up and Bowie
retires the Ziggy
Stardust character.

MARCH 29, 1974

Bowie leaves Britain.
Though he would visit
London, he never lives
there again — instead
residing in Los Angeles,
Berlin, Switzerland and
the island of Mustique.
He died a New Yorker.



SEPT. 20, 1975
"Fame" — the second single from ninth album Young Americans — hits No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100, giving the British artist his first U.S. chart-topper.



MARCH 25, 1976 Arrested with Iggy Pop for marijuana possession in upstate New York. The charges are later dismissed.





 $"Of course \ David \ Bowie \ had \ funk!" \ attests \ George \ Clinton, as \ Bowie's \ lifelong \ (and \ career-changing) \ love \ affair \ with \ black \ music - from \ R\&B \ to \ disco \ to \ rap - made \ abundantly \ clear$

BY DOUGLAS WOLK

AVID BOWIE called R&B and soul "the bedrock of all popular music," and he returned to their incarnations again and again, from his second single, a 1965 cover of Bobby "Blue" Bland's No. 1 R&B hit "I Pity the Fool" to the Kendrick Lamar records he listened to while recording Blackstar half a century later. His early-1972 performances with The Spiders From Mars included a medley of James Brown's "Hot Pants" — then less than a year old — and "You Got to Have a Job." He called out MTV in 1983 for "the fact that there are so few black artists featured on it." And he was ahead of the rock'n'roll curve in flirting

with disco: "John, I'm Only Dancing (Again)," released in 1979, actually had been recorded five years earlier.

Bowie's collaboration with one of disco's masterminds, Chic's Nile Rodgers, on 1983's "Let's Dance" gave him the first of his half-dozen top 10 dance hits and resuscitated Rodgers' flagging career: "He rescued me," Rodgers tells *Billboard*. "'Disco sucks' happened. I'm persona non grata. And this guy David Bowie, who is a rock god, says, 'Not only do I want to take a chance with him, I believe in him.'"

Bowie and Rodgers reunited in 1993 for *Black Tie White Noise*, whose title track was a duet with new jack swing star Al B. Sure. By 1997, Bowie was incorporating drum'n'bass rhythms into his *Earthling* album and playing the dance tent at England's Phoenix Festival. He even appeared on the Hot Rap Songs chart with "Fame '90," a remix featuring Queen Latifah.

The original version of that song emerged from his most sustained engagement with R&B, which began in 1974 during the tour for his Diamond Dogs album. Fascinated with the new sounds coming out of Philadelphia, Bowie booked a mid-tour recording stint at the city's dance-music capitol, Sigma Sound, to begin his next album, Young Americans. By the time the band returned to the road, his music had been transformed. The Philly

Dogs Tour was effectively a soul revue, prominently featuring the then-unknown singer Luther Vandross (whose song "Funky Music" Bowie rewrote as "Fascination"). The set list included a funked-up cover of The Flares' 1961 single "Foot Stomping," powered by a riff from his new guitarist Carlos Alomar; it soon evolved into his first No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 hit, "Fame." Later on, Bowie dismissed Young Americans as "plastic soul." But George Clinton has credited "Fame" with directly inspiring Parliament's "Give Up the Funk": "It's the same feel. Of course David Bowie had funk! You don't know David Bowie if you ask whether he had funk." •



JAN. 27, 1983
Signs a lucrative contract with
EMI, estimated at \$17 million. His first
LP for the label, April's
Let's Dance, spawns three hit singles and a massive global tour.



JULY 13, 1985
Bowie and Mick
Jagger's high-camp
video for their version
of Martha & The
Vandellas' "Dancing
in the Street" is
screened twice at the
inaugural Live Aid.



JUNE 27, 1986
Jim Henson's Labyrinth opens to mixed reviews and disappointing box office in the United States, with Bowie co-starring as Jareth the Goblin King.



MAY 30, 1987 His Glass Spider Tour kicks off, featuring a parasailing dance troupe and a giant arachnid, as well as guitarist Peter Frampton.

MAY 22, 1989

In an attempt to distance himself from pop stardom, Bowie forms Tin Machine with guitarist Reeves Gabrels — an abrasive four-piece that releases its self-titled debut album on this day.

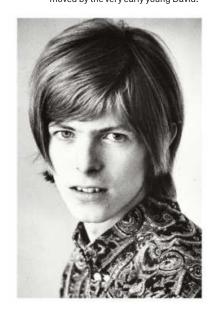
David Bowie "expressed his emotions, fantasies and dreams through music and visual art," says designer Diane von Furstenberg, who along with Patricia Field, Jeremy Scott, André Leon Talley, Pete Wentz and Kansai Yamamoto reflect on the star's pioneering and ever-shifting sartorial odyssey

BY SHANNON ADDUCCI



⊗ MOD ROOTS 1967, London

"In some ways he seemed like an alien from the very beginning," says Fall Out Boy's Pete Wentz of Bowie, who moved away from London's mod scene after releasing his first solo album. Adds designer Diane von Furstenberg, "Looking at all the metamorphoses he went through, I am most moved by the very early young David."





⊘ GENDER BEND 1971, London

"It's my favorite look," says Talley of Bowie in long hair, wide-leg trousers, flowy, feminine blouse and floppy hat, with then-wife Angie and son Duncan. "This is a look that was all about blurring of the lines. Now Jaden Smith is wearing what Bowie began."

⊘ FULL-ON ZIGGY 1973, London





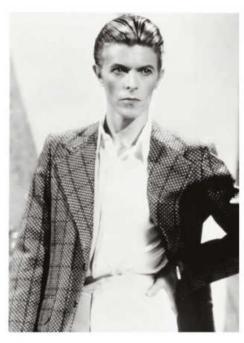
"He was a master in collaborating with genius fashion giants, and this Alexander McQueen greatcoat is everything," says Talley of the coat that Bowie would wear on repeat: onstage at the VH1 Fashion Awards in 1996, on the cover of his 1997 album Earthling and countless times on the road. The garment has since appeared in The Costume Institute's AngloMania and Savage Beauty exhibitions, as well as in the V&A exhibition.



"Bowie has always felt like a man outside of time to me. I cannot think of many, if any, other artists that give me that feeling in both their design and fashion. I am not sure it is possible for Daft Punk and Kanye West — much less Fall Out Boy or My Chemical Romance — to exist without him." —Pete Wentz



"Bowie and Tilda Swinton in the same shawl-collared look is the apex of cross-reference of masculine-feminine identity," says Talley of their appearance in Bowie's video, which also featured transgender model Andreja Pejic. Swinton already had paid homage to Bowie (who, she has said, "always felt like a cousin") in a 2003 *Vogue Italia* feature, with red hair and outre makeup and menswear.



© EXTREME ELEGANCE 1975, Cher show performance, Los Angeles

"It's the classical cool of rock," says Talley of the pared-down look of the artist's Thin White Duke persona, which ushered in a menswear-focused style era. "Bowie moved with ease from gender fluidity to high-waisted trousers. It's a throwback to Marlene Dietrich style — who was totally the first to be androgynous." Adds Wentz: "The White Duke is like Elvis from another time to me. Like, on another planet, this is Elvis or The Beatles."

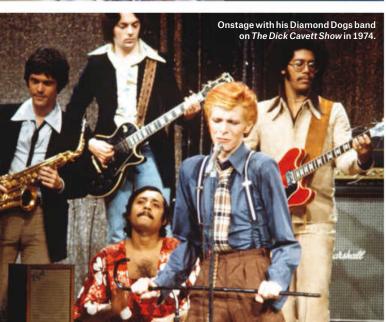


"I was thinking about this Bowie period a lot recently, with the opening look of my recent Moschino show on [model] Lucky Blue," says Scott, who on Jan. 10 showed a series of traditionally masculine yet wildly colorful suiting that opened with the platinum-blond male model (and Bowie doppelganger) Lucky Blue Smith. Talley points to the original suit wearer, Beau Brummell, as possible inspiration: "He admired the importance of English dandies in the history of fashion." Adds Field of these years: "As David was more mature, his costumes started to reflect this attitude. He always made a perfect balance between his songs, his costumes and his age, keeping his audience always longing for more."

Bowie appeared in the "I Want My MTV" campaign in 1982.







David Bowie, Televisionary

From chatting with Dick Cavett to his career-rejuvenating videos on a new venture called MTV, he unabashedly embraced the massest of mediums

BY ROB TANNENBAUM

N 1967, WHEN DAVID Bowie was a scuffling 20-year-old folk singer, he got his first letter from an American fan and sent a thoughtful reply. "I made my first movie last week," he wrote. "Just a 15-minute short, but it gave me some good experience for a full-length deal I have starting in January." Even before he had secured a foothold in one medium, he was planning his conquest of others. "I was trying to be a one-man revolution," he later said

Bowie was an enthusiast who loved to disclose and champion his interests: Andy Warhol, German Expressionism, The Velvet Underground, wallpaper, Neu, cocaine, mime, androgyny, George Orwell, Scott Walker, Philly soul, Genet, henna, Brecht, Fritz Lang, William S. Burroughs, Alexander McQueen, saxophones, Mott the Hoople, Anthony Burgess, women, men, the Internet. He wanted as many canvases as possible, and he was unabashedly strategic about the broadest, most mass medium of all: TV.

When he sang "Starman" on the British prime-time show *Top of the Pops* in 1972, wearing a garish Lycra jumpsuit, and casually put his arm around the shoulder of guitarist Mick Ronson six months after announcing his bisexuality, he set loose the possibility that gay culture might not always remain illicit. That small gesture, a generation now agrees, was a huge moment for gay lib in the United Kingdom.

In the next few years, he duetted with Cher on her CBS variety show, gabbed with Dick Cavett (who said, "You seem like a working actor," as Bowie chuckled, knowing it was true), and lip-synced his breakthrough hits "Fame" and "Golden Years" on *Soul Train*.

On TV, he could shift gears and guises with ease: On the 1977 special Bing Crosby's Merrie Olde Christmas, Bowie sang a melancholy carol with Crosby, a 73-year-old crooner who died a month later. ("I'm doing this show because my mother loves Bing Crosby," he told the show's writers.) Two years later, as the music guest on Saturday Night Live, he sang "TVC15" in a severe pencil skirt while downtown New York artistes Klaus Nomi and Joey Arias chirped grandly and posed behind him, next to a pink stuffed poodle.

When MTV launched in 1981, pop culture had finally caught up to Bowie, who had been making music videos for years. He even shilled for the network, as part of its "I Want My MTV" marketing campaign, though once he noticed that the network wasn't playing videos by black artists, he chided it while VJ Mark Goodman tried to interview him.

"Anything new and exciting artistically, he was always at the forefront of it," says David Mallet, who directed more than a dozen Bowie videos, including "DJ," "Fashion" and "Ashes to Ashes." In the clip for "Boys Keep Swinging," Bowie mimes the song onstage in a suit until the chorus, when he suddenly appears in drag as three backup singers. "The BBC watched the first 20 seconds and said, 'Nice to see him doing something proper for once,' then put it on the air at teatime on a Saturday," Mallet recalls with a

delighted laugh. "Then there was a hell of a row. People said it was obscene."

It wasn't radio or movies that finally made Bowie a global superstar, but TV. His 1983 album Let's Dance, produced by Chic guitarist Nile Rodgers, spawned three hit songs and videos: the title track (his first U.S. No. 1 single since "Fame"), "China Girl" and "Modern Love." At Live Aid in July 1985, his greatest-hits set was one of the broadcast's emotional highlights, though during the show he also debuted the video to "Dancing in the Streets," a duet with Mick Jagger that comprised the ludicrous low point of his years at the top. Bowie soon decided he hated being in the mainstream and formed the abrasive hard-rock band Tin Machine, he said, to scare away the Phil Collins fans who were coming to his arena concerts.

"Sponge" is a word that intimates often use to describe him. "I was endeavoring to teach him to astonish," said Lindsay Kemp, the British thespian with whom Bowie studied. "He was like a sponge." And Arias, Bowie's *SNL* collaborator, recently said, "He was like this force, this sponge, that absorbed it all."

Even Bowie saw this. "I am he who quotes, I am the sponge that absorbs," he said in one of his last interviews.

Part of Bowie's genius was an ability to infiltrate culture with fringe ideas that quickly spread into the mainstream. In contrast to his cool facade, he was a gifted smuggler who popularized trends — in music, movies, fashion and TV — through the virtue of his own heated enthusiasm.





ESOFALIF

Music's greatest-ever visual artist was, not surprisingly, an unpredictable and arresting film presence BY LOGAN HILL



OR PROOF OF HOW DAVID BOWIE'S roiling creativity flowed between music and movies, one doesn't have to look further than his first film, Nicolas Roeg's The Man Who Fell to Earth, from 1976: "He put much more of himself in it than we had been able to get into the script," Roeg said later. "Toward the end I realized a big change had happened in his life."

Bowie didn't appear on the film's soundtrack, but he used images of himself

as the alien Thomas Jerome Newton as covers for his next two albums, Station to Station (1976) and Low (1977). The Starman's gravitational pull couldn't help but warp any film he touched — sometimes to his advantage, and often not. Many of Bowie's screen performances — a vampiric stud in The Hunger, the Berlin gigolo of Just a Gigolo — inflated with theatrical pretense until they popped. The so-1986 musical fantasia Absolute Beginners may be best viewed on a muted TV above the bar, but his throwback soft-shoe number is a delight for any fan who has ever wanted to see Bowie tap-dance in the sky. Likewise, his lascivious, coke-addled mugging as the Goblin King in Jim Henson's Labyrinth was

almost hyperactively perverse: "A spoiled child, vain and temperamental," said Bowie, "kind of like a rock'n'roll star."

In Nagisa Oshima's 1983 drama Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence, Bowie was brilliant as a British POW thrust into a psychosexual duel with his Japanese captor, and the iconic image from that film — Bowie, buried in sand up to his neck – is an exaggeration of his most committed and constricted film performance: The trained mime trapped in an invisible box of British reserve and, every once in a while, cracking the lid to reveal lip-curled hate, wry disdain or daring sexual menace.

All actors make flops; Bowie was no different. But he turned down Bond villains and easy paychecks to take risks with David Lynch, Christopher Nolan, Julian Schnabel, Tony Scott and, yes, Ben Stiller (Zoolander). Usually, actors flip out over working with Martin Scorsese; instead, the director said, "I was a little taken aback when I met Bowie" on the set of The Last Temptation of Christ.

As Bowie's legend grew, he was best when he could wield his weird aura in the service of another timeless peer. As Andy Warhol in Basquiat and Nikola Tesla in The Prestige, Bowie made these men strange and curdled, coiled up and twisted outsiders. Onscreen and off, he always understood the strength of the strange.



Following his 1980 divorce from Angie Bowie marries model Iman Abdulmajid in a private ceremony in Florence, Italy, Their daughter, Alexandria, would be born in 2000.



SEPT. 14. 1995 The first stop on a coheadlining tour with Nine Inch Nails receives hostile audience reactions, "I did like the combination, but my fans didn't." Bowie later savs. "Bad luck!"



SEPT. 1, 1998 Bowienet - arguably the first musiciandriven social media site - launches offering downloadable material (including tour recordings and access to the artist's journals) for a \$20 monthly subscription



OCT. 20, 2001 After the 9/11 attacks. Bowie opens the Concert for New York City with a stunning cover of Paul Simon's "America" at Madison Square Garden

THE BUSINESS OF BOWIE

 $Nearly\ as\ inventive\ in\ the\ boardroom\ as\ on stage-remember\ "Bowie\ bonds"?-the\ singer\ was\ savvy, fearless\ and\ forward-thinking$

BY ROBERT LEVINE



AVID BOWIE LEARNED ABOUT the music business the hard way — from a notoriously bad deal with early manager Tony Defries that reportedly gave him half the singer's earnings. After they parted ways, in 1975, Bowie took control of his own career, managing himself with the same adventurous, even visionary, spirit that he brought to his music.

Defries made one decision that helped Bowie: He negotiated Bowie's RCA deal so the two would own his recording copyrights, a provision almost unheard of at the time. In 1989, Bowie licensed most of his albums — 1969's *Space Oddity* though 1980's *Scary Monsters (And Super Creeps)* — to Rykodisc, then an independent label focused on CD reissues. "He wanted to control where and when his music was used," Bill Zysblat, who has been Bowie's business manager since 1982, tells *Billboard*. "It was never about money — it was always about doing the newest thing, doing the coolest thing."

In 1990, for his Sound+Vision Tour, Bowie became one of the first artists to commit to having one promoter handle an entire tour. All of Bowie's tours since have been promoted by Arthur Fogel, now chairman of Live Nation's global touring division. "Having one person with a global view, compared to individual promoters only worried about their local markets, is invaluable," Bowie told *Billboard* in 2005.

After the Rykodisc deal ran its course, Bowie licensed his albums to EMI Music for a reported advance of \$30 million. As part of the same 1997 deal, Bowie also acquired Defries' share of his recordings and issued \$55 million in bonds backed by royalties from album sales and publishing rights, which the singer also owned. (The rights to all of his albums except for the last four are now licensed to Warner Music.)

"He understood the concept in a split second," says David Pullman, who put together the bond deal, among the first to securitize copyright royalties. "He never complained, and he wasn't afraid to fail." All of the bonds were purchased by the Prudential Insurance Company of America and paid off in 2007.

Around that time, Bowie became fascinated by technology. In late 1996, he became one of the first major artists to release a song online when he made three versions of the single "Telling Lies" available on his official website. The following year, he "cybercast" a Boston Orpheum concert.

Bowie also launched several online ventures. In 1998, with the company UltraStar, he started the dial-up online service provider BowieNet, which offered subscribers their own @bowienet email address. Although UltraStar didn't last as an Internet service provider, the company became an online fanclub business that went on to work with The Rolling Stones and Madonna. In 2006, Live Nation bought it.

"David was very involved in the direction of UltraStar — he attended meetings and got involved in artistic decisions," says Ron Roy, a partner in the venture. "Once exposed to the power of direct online communications between artists and fans, David realized that music was about to change forever." Bowie soon began to talk about a time when artists would no longer need labels. "I don't even know why I would want to be on a label in a few years because I don't think it's going to work by labels and by distribution systems in the same way," he told *The New York Times* in 2002. "I'm fully confident that copyright, for instance, will no longer exist in 10 years, and authorship and intellectual property [are] in for such a bashing." Around that time, he started his own label, Iso, which was distributed through Sony Music.

"He saw how the digital age would affect copyrights and record companies," says Zysblat. "The world doesn't know how brilliant he was — not only about music but about history and technology."

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—Bill Zysblat,
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Tallying Up A Career

\$110M

Estimated offer for Bowie's catalog in 1997 (values have generally decreased since then) 130K

Estimated firstweek sales of Blackstar, according to forecasts 2

Grammys, including a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006 1996

Year inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a performer 26

Billboard Hot 100 hits, with two No. 1s ("Fame," "Let's Dance") 35,000%

Increase in Pandora station adds the day after Bowie's death

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JUNE 25, 2004
A few days after suffering a heart attack backstage in Prague, Bowie plays the final concert of a 112-show global run in Scheesel, Germany. He never tours again.



NOV. 9, 2006 His last public concert takes place at New York's Hammerstein Ballroom, where he sings three songs, including a duet of "Changes" with Alicia Keys.



JAN. 8, 2013
On his 66th birthday,
Bowie surprise-releases
a new single, "Where
Are We Now?" and
announces an LP, The
Next Day, launching a
productive burst that
marked his last years.



DEC. 7, 2015

Lazarus — a stage
production co-written
by Bowie and Irish
playwright Enda Walsh
— premieres at the New
York Theatre Workshop.



JAN. 10, 2016
Bowie dies in New York,
two days after his 69th
birthday and the release
of his 26th studio LP
Blackstar.—CHRIS O'LEARY



EVENTS & **HAPPENINGS**

WOMEN IN MUSIC

DECEMBER 11, 2015 | NEW YORK













Billboard's annual Women in Music event, presented by American Express, recognizes the incredible achievements of today's top female artists and executives. The honorees, selected by Billboard's esteemed editorial team, are trailblazing women who have inspired the music business with their success, leadership and new ideas during the past 12 months. This year's honorees were Lady Gaga, Lana Del Rey, Missy Elliott, Fifth Harmony, Demi Lovato, Kelsea Ballerini, Selena Gomez, Brittany Howard, Tori Kelly and Loretta Lynn.









- 1. Mercedes-Benz elevated arrivals with a special chrome AMG G63 model that turned heads and stopped traffic on 42nd Street.
- 2. The music industry's top female execs gathered for the 2015 executive photo, presented by Iron Mountain Entertainment Services.
- **3.** Music stars signed the American Airlines guitar (on display at the event) to benefit American Airlines' Miles for Kids in Need charitable organization.
- The cocktail reception featured refreshments from Pepsi, the official beverage sponsor of Women in Music.
- **5.** From left: Nielsen Entertainment president Howard Appelbaum with Todd and Katie Boehly.
- **6.** Billboard Rising Star honoree Kelsea Ballerini signed the American Airlines guitar in support of Miles for Kids in Need.
- American Express vp global media, sponsorship and experiential marketing Deb Curtis (right) with Breakthrough Artist honoree Tori Kelly.
- **8.** Women in Music's Executive of the Year, Universal Music Publishing Group chairman/CEO Jody Gerson.
- **9.** Guests enjoyed the Pepsi GIF/photo booth at the event.
- **10.** Honorees and celebrity attendees walked the signature Pepsi blue carpet before the show.



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Steve Angello, Now In His Own House



ANGELLO Size Records

SWEDISH HOUSE MAFIA, THE HUGELY popular Stockholm EDM trio that parted ways in 2013, was scorned by detractors as bombastic. It was an accurate description of the group's music, of course, but an odd criticism, since SHM's project was a kind of experiment in the science of bombast: a test to see how many dancers could be moved, how many arenas filled, how many festivals headlined, when a walloping four-on-the-floor beat was hitched to an outsized inspirational slogan. Their

"message" was starry-eyed and inane: "Turn up the love," "Don't you worry, child/See, heaven's got a plan for you," "Feel the energy deep inside your system/And leave this world behind," etc. Their music - based on time-tested tensionand-release configurations of chirpy keyboard lines, pumping bass and that inexorable fouron-the-floor beat - was crude but ultimately undeniable.

Two-thirds of SHM, the DJ-producers Axwell and Sebastian Ingrosso, have teamed as a duo under the moniker Axwell + Ingrosso to serve up more of the same: Singles like "Sun Is Shining" and "Something New" feature big, hopeful bromides brayed over slabs of trance-streaked electro-house pomp. But the group's other former member, Steve Angello, is the one who actually wants to do, ahem, something new. The 33-year-old's solo debut, Wild Youth, released on his own Size Records, is a departure: an autobiographical concept album tracing a narrative arc from misbegotten youth to adult success. It includes lots of the customary musical tricks; fanciers of the thudding foursquare beat will not be disappointed. But it stirs in some different musical flavors, and tilts thematically from inspiration to confession.

Take "Prisoner," which delays the shift to full-throttle four-on-the-floor until the 2:14 mark, working its way through a verse full of electro bleeps

and clangorous industrial-style synth stabs. The chorus glances inward: "I'm a prisoner to these feelings," cries guest vocalist Gary Go. Other songs also strike pensive notes. The blipping "Stockholm Skies" unfolds like a self-help monologue ("I've never been so ready/I've never felt so steady"); "The Ocean" puts brooding minor chords and wailing diva vocals behind a vague vignette about a road trip, or a spiritual epiphany, or something:

"We drove out to the ocean/Stayed in your car for ages/Talking through the stages."

Such sentiments clearly mean something to Angello, but those meanings may not translate to the dancefloor, where his fans will in all likelihood be doing the usual: waiting, politely, through the slow-boiling buildups, for the kick-drum's inevitable slamming return. The truth is, Angello's storytelling and ruminating leave much to be desired. He's a far better extrovert than introvert: The best moments on Wild Youth are the shameless ones, where he delivers the familiar goods without embarrassment, if not without pretense.



Exhibit A is the single "Children of the Wild," a ridiculous piece of teen-rebel schlock whose big hokey chorus ("We are children of the wild, we take our chance to face the fall/Go on and on and on, to chase our shadows off the wall") might as well have been lifted off an early Bon Jovi record. In other words, it could have been a Swedish House Mafia record — it's just that dumb, and that effective. -IODY ROSEN







HANK WILLIAMS JR. It's About Time

It's About Time Nash Icon/Big Machine Label HALF A CENTURY INTO HIS career, Hank Williams Jr. still can't make up his mind. On the title track of his new album, *It's About Time*, billed as his 37th, he complains he has "had enough of this weird pop-country sound." But that doesn't stop him from recruiting contemporary country talents and tricks for help.

The opener's a booming duet with Eric Church. And in the

closing update of Williams' own "Born to Boogie," Brad Paisley cranks guitar while Brantley Gilbert and Justin Moore pass the mic with Bocephus rap stylings, establishing the hit 1987 original as a kind of bro-country blueprint. More incongruously, there's the goofy "Dress Like an Icon," which name-drops not just Robert Johnson, but also Louis Vuitton and Nicki Minaj. Yet a few songs later, in the Allmansstyle weeper "Just Call Me Hank," the Nash Icon recording artist tells us, "Don't call me an icon."

Williams is more consistent when it comes to two of his great loves: God and songs associated with

Waylon Jennings. Williams covers both Neil Young's "Are You Ready for the Country," which Jennings made his own in 1977, and Mel Tillis' wickedly funny breakup curse "Mental Revenge," a hit for Jennings a decade earlier. And three songs have "God" in their titles. "God Fearin' Man" and "God and Guns" are the chest-beating, blue-collar, backlash populism you'd expect, the latter suggesting the government is plotting to take away that "peacemaker" in your dresser. "Wrapped Up, Tangled Up in Jesus (God's Got It)" is way more interesting — a resurrection of a '70s blues spiritual by Louisiana-via-Mississippi preacher Reverend Charlie Jackson that takes off from a fishing-allegory sermon and then hums through the Delta for six minutes.

In fact, much of *It's About Time* is dense, cooking Southern rock. It can be frivolous (the bleacherstomp shout-alongs "Club U.S.A." and "The Party's On") but has no problem nailing a groove. There are even hints of Dixieland jazz in the rhythm, as on the "All My Rowdy Friends" update "Those Days Are Gone." Wherever you stand on Williams' politics and contradictions, when he claims he was born to boogie, he's still not kidding.



ST. LUCIA "LOVE SOMEBODY" COLUMBIA RECORDS

Everyone's doing new wave-y synth-pop nowadays, but Brooklyn's St. Lucia, led by Jean-Philip Grobler, stands out by adding an R&B-inflected human touch on this new single. It starts with minimalist finger snaps and then blossoms into a bouquet of flute swirls and harmonies, concluding with Patricia Beranek (Grobler's wife) joining in to chant the titular mantra. —C.P.

KANYE WEST "REAL FRIENDS" G.O.O.D. MUSIC

West's last surprise drop, "Facts," had even his biggest stans fearing the upcoming *Swish* would end up an air-ball. Relax, everyone: "Real Friends" is his best song since 2013. "Facts" was brash and disposable, but this is thoughtful, with West mourning deteriorating friendships and showing rare signs of regret over keys and a rimshot.

—ALEX GALE



GRIZFOLK *Making of the Giants*Virgin

SoCal rock rookies explore alt-radio trends on debut album

ON ITS DEBUT LP, THE LOS ANGELESbased quintet Grizfolk comes out swinging, as if the fist-raised, festivalready rock anthem was the last viable formula music had left. But the end result is a dozen tracks of unrelenting normalcy, a pastiche of what has been popular on alternative radio in recent years. Grizfolk doubles down on choral oh-oh's, soothing Mumfordian acoustics and pummeling drum beats that will have listeners imagining Dragons. As if the band was afraid to leave any modern-rock trends unchecked, "Bob Marley" features a whistled hook and a chorus proclaiming that the namesake artist is guiding Grizfolk down the highway. The act's best moment is when it summons the Springsteen-esque country of Eric Church on the weatherbeaten "Bounty on My Head." Singer Adam Roth has a gravelly timbre that fits the topic perfectly, making a shape-shifting band sound like it had finally found its home, even if just for a song. -CHRIS PAYNE



DAUGHTER Not to Disappear Glassnote

Alt-folkies pair brighter sounds with sad-as-ever lyrics on second album

ON IF YOU LEAVE, THE GORGEOUSLY gloomy 2013 debut from U.K. indiefolk trio Daughter, frontwoman Elena Tonra sings, "I've been thinking I should see someone/Just to find out if I'm alright." Two years on, it seems the only professional help Daughter sought was in the form of new producer Nicolas Vernhes (Animal Collective, Deerhunter, Speedy Ortiz), who colors this terrific sophomore set with fresh shades of gray. On opener "New Ways," guitarist/co-producer Igor Haefeli moves from his usual maudlin chiming to grinding shoegazer noise. The group unexpectedly goes U2 on "How," gets briefly punky on "Fossa" and fits a frazzled dance beat to "No Care." Alas, Tonra is too fixated on death, sex and dementia to let the bigger, more upbeat sounds brighten her mood. "I hate walking alone," she sings, delicately as ever, on "Alone/ With You," a lurching ghost of a reggae tune. "I should get a dog or something." If pet therapy fails, there's always songwriting. -KEN PARTRIDGE



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NUMBERS: THE SWEET RISE OF 'CAKE'

The Joe Jonas-led band DNCE climbs the Billboard Hot 100 with debut single "Cake by the Ocean" (Republic). The cut sweetens up the chart's top 40 for the first time, rising 41-26, and is making headway on top 40 radio as well.

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"Cake" steps 20-19 on the Mainstream Top 40 airplay chart with plays rising 18 percent in the week ending Jan. 10, according to Nielsen Music. As for allformat airplay, the song jumps by 24 percent, to 24 million in audience.

219

"Cake" also scores the largest gain in streams among tracks in the top 30 of Streaming Songs, jumping 37-26 in its second chart week with 5.9 million clicks (up 21 percent), which were powered largely by Spotify plays.

342^o

The song's total download sales grow to 342,000, thanks to the track moving 56,000 in its latest week. "Cake" continues to benefit from exposure in a Sprint TV commercial, which debuted in November 2015. —KEITH CAULFIELD



TOMORROW'S HITS

CATCHY HOOK

Canadians have overtaken the Billboard Hot 100's top 10 of late, together claiming seven songs for six straight weeks around the new year. Now a new face from north of the border is making a play: **Shawn Hook**. The pop singer (from Nelson, British Columbia) is bubbling under Mainstream Top 40 with "Sound of Your Heart" (Hollywood), which hit the Canada CHR/Top 40 chart's top 10 in August 2015.



NASTY BOY

North Carolina's Luke Nasty makes his chart debut with "Might Be" (Othaz/Empire), which enters Mainstream R&B/Hip-Hop at No. 36. The song, a rework of a 2014 Anderson Paak track (see story, page 21), bows with a 39 percent increase in airplay at the format, according to Nielsen Music; its main support is in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

CHART BEAT

'Lose' Wins Meghan Trainor already has revealed the name of her econd full-length album, but her first record is still generating No. 1 hits. Trainor's "Like I'm Gonna Lose You" (featuring John Legend) tops the Adult Top 40 airplay chart, where she peaked at No. 2 with her breakthrough hit, "All About That Bass." Both songs are from her debut album, Title. Trainor's forthcoming sophomore set has a similarly straightforward name: Thank You. "It kills me to hold these songs from the world," she recently told E! News, explaining that the title track is "a song to my fans."



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Bowie Bound For First No. 1 Album On Billboard 200

The late legend's Blackstar, released two days before his death on Jan. 10, could open atop the chart dated Jan. 30, according to industry forecasters

BY KEITH CAULFIELD



DAVID BOWIE ACHIEVED MANY MILESTONES during his legendary five-decade career. But surprisingly, a No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 chart wasn't one of them — until now. His 25th album, Blackstar, could top the list dated Jan. 30, thanks to mourning fans.

The rock icon, who died Jan. 10 after an 18-month battle with cancer, released his latest album through ISO/Columbia just two days earlier (on his 69th birthday). Industry forecasters suggest Blackstar — which addresses death and sickness in many of its lyrics — may launch with more than

130,000 copies sold in the week ending Jan. 14, with a higher total of equivalent-album units (the number that blends album sales with track-equivalent and streaming-equivalent units). Bowie will likely bump Adele from No. 1 after her seven-week run with 25.

A possible spoiler for *Blackstar*'s No. 1 arrival is Bowie's own 2002 greatest-hits package, Best of Bowie. Sources say the 20-song collection

could sell around 70,000 copies for the week. However, there's a small chance it could beat Blackstar in overall equivalent units, once track and streaming units from its beloved hits (like "Changes" and "Under Pressure") are factored into its overall unit total.

Blackstar comes less than two years after Bowie earned his highest-charting album so far, when The Next Day debuted and peaked at No. 2 after its release on March 12, 2013. The Next Day entered the chart with 85,000 sold - Bowie's biggest sales frame since Nielsen Music started powering the chart with its

> point-of-sale purchase data in 1991. The Next Day was his first top 10 since 1983's pop smash Let's Dance grooved its way to No. 4. The two albums were among his seven top 10 releases (so far). Bowie's breakthrough in the mid-1970s led to a string of top 10 albums: Diamond Dogs was his first, peaking at No. 5

on July 20, 1974. That was followed by David Live (No. 8, 1974), Young Americans (No. 9, 1975), Station to Station (No. 3, 1976) and the hits collection Changes One Bowie (No. 10, 1976) — his final top 10 until *Let's Dance*.

If Bowie hits No. 1, he'll earn the first posthumous chart-topper since 2009, when Michael Jackson's This Is It soundtrack bowed atop the Nov. 14 tally.





FINDING HER 'PLACE'

Self-proclaimed "hillbilly" Tara Thompson, from East Tennessee, not only cut her teeth playing the storied honky-tonks of Nashville's Lower Broadway, but also is a cousin of Loretta Lynn. Fittingly, the singersongwriter's spunky ode to single life, "Someone to Take Your Place" (Valory), conjures classic country comparisons. Bubbling under Country Airplay, the track will go to radio on Feb. 22. -GARY TRUST, JIM ASKER and AMAYA MENDIZABAI



ARKET WATCH

A WEEKLY NATIONAL MUSIC SALES REPORT

Weekly Unit Sales							
	ALBUMS	DIGITAL ALBUMS*	DIGITAL TRACKS				
This Week*	3,977,000	1,836,000	19,205,000				
Last Week	5,696,000	2,725,000	28,570,000				
Change	-30.2%	-32.6%	-32.8%				
This Week Last Year	5,274,000	2,588,000	27,876,000				
Change	-24.6%	-29.1%	-31.1%				

*Digital album sales are also counted within album sales.

Weekly Album Sales (Million Units) 2016 3.9M

YEAR-TO-DATE

Overall Unit Sales								
	2015	2016	CHANGE					
Albums	5,274,000	3,977,000	-24.6%					
Digital Tracks	27,876,000	19,205,000	-31.1%					
Store Singles	87,000	27,000	-69.0%					
Total	33,237,000	23,209,000	-30.2%					
Album w/TEA*	8,061,600	5,897,500	-26.8%					

*Includes track-equivalent album sales (TEA) with 10 track downloads equivalent to one album sale.

Digit	Digital Track Sales						
2015	27.9 Million						
2016	19.5 Million						

Sales by Album Format							
	2015	2016	CHANGE				
CD	2,405,000	1,849,000	-23.1%				
Digital	2,588,000	1,836,000	-29.1%				
Vinyl	268,000	281,000	4.9%				
Other	12,000	11,000	-8.3%				

Sales by Album Category							
	2015	2016	CHANGE				
Current	2,494,000	1,761,000	-29.4%				
Catalog	2,780,000	2,216,000	-20.3%				
Deep Catalog	2,286,000	1,847,000	-19.2%				

Curr	ent Album Sales
2015	2.5 Million
2016	1.8 Million

Catalog Album Sales							
2015	2.3Million						
2016	2.2 Million						

January 23



2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST IMP	RINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS.ON CHART
2	2	1	#1 3 WKS JUSTIN BIEBER SCHOOLE	SOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	1	79
1	1	2	ADELE	XL/COLUMBIA	1	49
4	3	3	DRAKE YOUNG I	MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	1	80
3	4	4	THE WEEKND	XO/REPUBLIC	1	65
11	6	5	TWENTY ONE PILOTS	FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	2	38
6	5	6	TAYLOR SWIFT	BIG MACHINE/BMLG	1	76
8	9	7	SELENA GOMEZ	INTERSCOPE/IGA	2	67
9	7	8	ONE DIRECTION	SYCO/COLUMBIA	2	80
14	10	9	SHAWN MENDES	ISLAND	2	48
10	8	10	FETTY WAP	RGF/300/AG	3	48
13	11	11	FUTURE	A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	1	25
16	13	12	BRYSON TILLER	TRAPSOUL/RCA	12	15
48	38	13	RACHEL PLATTEN	COLUMBIA	12	37
5	12	14	CHRIS BROWN	RCA	1	80
15	14	15	MEGHAN TRAINOR	EPIC	1	78
18	15	16	ELLIE GOULDING	CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	7	64
29	16	17	FALL OUT BOY	DCD2/ISLAND	2	70
24	17	18	DEMI LOVATO SA	FEHOUSE/ISLAND/HOLLYWOOD	3	51

2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	PEAK POS.	WKS.ON CHART
17	18	19	SAM HUNT MCA NASHVILLE/JIMGN	5	78
26	31	20	CHRIS STAPLETON MERCURY NASHVILLE/JUMGN	2	11
20	21	21	LUKE BRYAN CAPITOL NASHVILLE/JIMGN	1	80
25	23	22	ED SHEERAN ATLANTIC/AG	1	80
21	24	23	ALESSIA CARA EP/DEF JAM	15	20
34	25	24	G-EAZY G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA	8	10
22	26	25	THOMAS RHETT VALORY/BMLG	7	49
31	28	26	J. COLE DREAMVILLE/ROC NATION/COLUMBIA	2	57
33	30	27	ELLE KING RCA	14	24
32	32	28	COLDPLAY PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC/AG	5	44
52	39	29	EMINEM WEB/SHADY/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	11	80
28	27	30	CARRIE UNDERWOOD 19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN	3	67
40	34	31	JASON DERULO BELUGA HEIGHTS/WARNER BROS.	4	78
50	35	32	MAROON 5 222/INTERSCOPE/IGA	1	80
36	33	33	TRAVI\$ SCOTT GRAND HUSTLE/EPIC	6	SOCIAL DATA
12	19	34	ARIANA GRANDE REPUBLIC	1	78
42	37	35	CHARLIE PUTH ARTIST PARTNERS GROUP/ATLANTIC/AG	30	41 43 448 448 448 448 448 448 448 448 448
43	45	36	FLO RIDA POE BOY/ATLANTIC/AG	23	43 IS

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RE-E	NTRY	37	PASSION	SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	37	2
41	42	38	POST MALONE	REPUBLIC	38	13
91	36	39	PANIC! AT THE DISCO	DCD2/FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	36	11
69	44	40	KENDRICK LAMAR	OP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	1	56
49	20	41	THE BEATLES	APPLE/CAPITOL/UME	20	12
54	40	42	WIZ KHALIFA	ROSTRUM/ATLANTIC/AG	2	80
74	74	43	METALLICA	BLACKENED/WARNER BROS.	43	30
60	41	44	KATY PERRY	CAPITOL	6	80
53	63	45	THE CHAINSMOKERS	DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	45	6
37	52	46	BLAKE SHELTON	WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	1	80
64	73	47	DNCE	REPUBLIC	47	4
75	53	48	ANDY GRAMMER	S-CURVE	18	43
86	69	49	MICHAEL JACKSON	MJJ/EPIC	25	54
7	22	50	PENTATONIX	RCA	2	24
71	56	51	ZAC BROWN BAND JOHN V	ARVATOS/SOUTHERN GROUND/BMLG/REPUBLIC	1	66
70	47	52	FLORIDA GEORGIA LIN	REPUBLIC NASHVILLE/BMLG	1	80
72	43	53	HALSEY	ASTRALWERKS	4	19
97	55	54	BEYONCE	PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA	6	78
47	60	55	ERIC CHURCH	EMI NASHVILLE/UMGN	8	79
82	54	56	BRUNO MARS	ATLANTIC/AG	10	78
56	61	57	DAYA	ARTBEATZ	56	8
65	68	58	JEREMIH	MICK SCHULTZ/DEF JAM	30	75
45	57	59	SAM SMITH	CAPITOL	1	80
55	65	60	TORY LANEZ	MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	55	8
61	49	61	BIG SEAN	G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	2	64
44	29	62	NICKI MINAJ	YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	2	80
78	66	63	CHRIS YOUNG	RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	13	26
94	67	64	WALK THE MOON	RCA	8	53
39	51	65	САМ	ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN	25	20
90	58	66	IMAGINE DRAGONS	KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	2	80
58	62	67	JOHN LEGEND	G.O.O.D./COLUMBIA	15	66
81	59	68	JASON ALDEAN	BROKEN BOW/BBMG	1	80
66	71	69	X AMBASSADORS	KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	21	28
RE-EN	NTRY	70	KANYE WEST	G.O.O.D./ROC-A-FELLA/DEF JAM	12	30
95	75	71	RIHANNA	WESTBURY ROAD/ROC NATION	11	76
85	77	72	SIA	MONKEY PUZZLE/RCA	5	80
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84	46	73	RAE SREMMURD	EARDRUMA/INTERSCOPE/IGA	7	71
59	50	74	SILENTO	BOLO/CAPITOL	10	36
98	85	75	УО GOTTI	COCAINE MUZIK/EPIC	75	3
-	81	76	KEVIN GATES	BREAD WINNERS' ASSOCIATION/ATLANTIC/AG	76	2
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96	80	7	YOUNG THUG	300/ATLANTIC/AG	52	23
-	94	78	JANA KRAMER	ELEKTRA NASHVILLE/WMN	22	9
-	87	79	KEITH URBAN	HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN	55	46
RE-E	NTRY	80	LED ZEPPELIN	SWAN SONG/ATLANTIC/RHINO	5	28
-	48	81	5 SECONDS OF SUM	MER HI OR HEY/CAPITOL	1	55
-	79	82	DJ SNAKE	DJ SNAKE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	38	42
RE-E	NTRY	83	DISTURBED	REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	5	6
RE-E	NTRY	84	DURAN DURAN	WARNER BROS.	29	2
	86	85	OLD DOMINION	RCA NASHVILLE/SMN	29	13
-	89	86	BRETT ELDREDGE	ATLANTIC/WMN	9	30
68	95	87	COLE SWINDELL	WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN	41	66
NI	W	88	CAMILA CABELLO	SYCO/EPIC	88	1
-	82	89	ОМІ	LOUDER THAN LIFE/ULTRA/COLUMBIA	5	32
·	97	90	TORI KELLY	SCHOOLBOY/CAPITOL	6	15
77	64	91	ILOVEMEMPHIS	PALM TREE/RUSH HOUR/RECORDS	50	18
٠	88	92	MARK RONSON	RCA	5	52
·	70	93	TROYE SIVAN	CAPITOL	11	8
-	84	94	R. CITY	KEMOSABE/RCA	18	21
٠	93	95	KELSEA BALLERINI	BLACK RIVER	52	12
RE-E	NTRY	96	JUSTIN TIMBERLAK	E RCA	20	46
RE-E	NTRY	97	AC/DC	COLUMBIA	6	24
N	W	98	LOCASH	REVIVER	98	1
-	90	99	HOZIER	RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA	5	69
RE-E	NTRY	100	JAMES BAY	REPUBLIC	49	2
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Flo Rida's Top 40 Return

Flo Rida (above) upgrades to the Billboard Artist 100's top 40 for the first time in more than eight months, rising 45-36 thanks to momentum for current single "My House." The rapper gains by 10 percent in overall activity, led by a 16 percent boost in streaming and a 5 percent lift in radio airplay. On the Billboard Hot 100, "House" hits a new high, lifting 34-32. The track debuts on Streaming Songs at No. 46 with 3.8 million U.S. streams (up 5 percent), while surging by 38 percent to 20 million in radio audience. "My House" is the title track to Flo Rida's EP that debuted and peaked at No. 14 on the April 25, 2015, Billboard 200. At 40 weeks and counting, the set is his longest-charting among five entries, passing the 37-week run of 2012's Wild Ones.

Meanwhile, Camila Cabello makes her solo debut on the Artist 100 at No. 88. She previously logged 48 weeks on the list as part of Fifth **Harmony** (peaking at No. 12 in February 2015). Cabello bows on her own, but thanks to more collaboration: "I Know What You Did Last Summer," her duet with **Shawn** Mendes, jumps 28-22 on the Hot 100, 21-5 on Digital Songs (74,000 sold) and 46-34 on Streaming Songs (4.7 million) and debuts at No. 43 on Radio Songs (31 million). — Gary Trust

The week's most popular albums across all genres, ranked by album sales, audio on-dem: © 2016, Prometheus Global Media, LLC and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc. All rights reserved.

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WEEK	THIS	ARTIST CERTIFICATION Title	PEAK	WKS. ON
1	WEEK	#1 ADELE A 25	POS.	CHART 7
_	2	JUSTIN BIEBER A Purpose		8
2		SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM TWENTY ONE PILOTS Blurryface	1	34
3	3	FUELED BY RAMEN/AG THE WEEKND Beauty Behind The Madness	1	
6 HOT	4	XO/REPUBLIC RACHEL PLATTEN Wildfire	1	19
SHOT DEBUT	5	ONE DIRECTION Made In The A.M.	5	1
4	6	SYCO/COLUMBIA	2	8
12	7	CHRIS STAPLETON Traveller	1	17
5	8	FETTY WAP RGF/300/AG Fetty Wap	1	15
10	9	BRYSON TILLER TRAPSOUL/RCA TRAPSOUL/RCA	9	15
9	10	TAYLOR SWIFT 1989 BIG MACHINE/BMLG	1	63
7	11	SELENA GOMEZ INTERSCOPE/IGA Revival	1	13
8	12	CHRIS BROWN Royalty	3	3
13	13	G-EAZY When It's Dark Out	5	5
n	14	SHAWN MENDES Handwritten	1	39
19	15	MEGHAN TRAINOR ▲ Title	1	52
15	16	SAM HUNT Montevallo	3	63
14	17	DRAKE & FUTURE What A Time To Be Alive A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	1	16
22	18	ADELE 1 21 XL/COLUMBIA	1	255
NEW	19	PASSION Salvation's Tide Is Rising	19	1
20	20	COLDPLAY PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC/AG A Head Full Of Dreams	2	5
18	21	FUTURE DS2 A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	1	25
25	22	LUKE BRYAN CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN Kill The Lights	1	22
33	23	ELLIE GOULDING CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE/IGA Delirium	3	9
29	24	DRAKE A If You're Reading This It's Too Late	1	48
27	25	ED SHEERAN ATLANTIC/AG	1	81
17	26	SOUNDTRACK Star Wars: The Force Awakens	5	3
26	27	FALL OUT BOY American Beauty / American Psycho	1	51
28	28	THOMAS RHETT Tangled Up	6	15
21	29	TWENTY ONE PILOTS Vessel	21	73
24	30	HALSEY Badlands	2	19
30	31	J. COLE 2014 Forest Hills Drive	1	57
38	32	ELLE KING Love Stuff	26	37
16	33	THE BEATLES 1	1	206
32	34	DEMI LOVATO SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/HOLLYWOOD Confident	2	12
31	35	PENTATONIX Pentatonix	1	12
36	36	ALESSIA CARA Know-it-All	9	8
39	37	VARIOUS ARTISTS NOW 56	4	10
40	38	CARRIE UNDERWOOD Storyteller	2	11
46	39	19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN KENDRICK LAMAR TO Pimp A Butterfly	1	43
	40	TOP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA ORIGINAL BROADWAY CAST Hamilton: An American Musical	12	15
42	41	THE CHAINSMOKERS SCRUPPOR (COLUMN) Bouquet (EP)	41	10
	\sim	FLO RIDA My House (EP)	14	40
53	42			
53 45	42	POE BOY/ATLANTIC/AG TROYE SIVAN Blue Neighbourhood		5
53 45 37	43	TROYE SIVAN CAPITOL BLAKE SHELTON Reloaded: 20 #1 Hits	7	5
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53 45 37 48 RE	43 44 45 46	TROVE SIVAN CAPITOL BLAKE SHELTON WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN DURAN DURAN WARNER BROS. TRAVI\$ SCOTT GRAND HUSTLE/FIEL MELANIE MARTINEZ Cry Baby	7 5 10 3	11 5 18

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92	WEEK 51	GG DNCE Swaay (EP)	POS. 51	CHART 4
49	52	G-EAZY These Things Happen	3	78
56	53	G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA CHRIS YOUNG RCA NASHVILLE/SMN I'm Comin' Over	5	8
57	54	ERIC CHURCH EMI NASHVILLE/UMGN Mr. Misunderstood	2	10
67	55	ANDY GRAMMER Magazines Or Novels	19	45
60	56	ADELE A 19	4	199
47	57	RAE SREMMURD SremmLife EARDRUMA/INTERSCOPE/IGA	5	53
64	58	HOZIER HOZIER RIBYWORKS/COLUMBIA	2	66
RE	59	JOEY ALEXANDER My Favorite Things	59	2
54	60	CAM Untamed	12	4
41	61	5 SECONDS OF SUMMER Sounds Good Feels Good	1	11
62	62	JORDAN SMITH The Voice: The Complete Season 9 Collection	11	4
74	63	ALABAMA SHAKES Sound & Color	1	32
112	64	PS METALLICA 69 Metallica BLACKENED/WARNER BROS.	1	360
69	65	BIG SEAN G.O.O.D./DEF JAM Dark Sky Paradise	1	46
87	66	NATHANIEL RATELIFF & THE NIGHT SWEATS Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats STAX/CONCORD	17	20
80	67	DRAKE A Take Care	1	149
71	68	DAYA ARTBEATZ Daya (EP)	68	9
93	69	JAMES BAY Chaos And The Calm	15	42
61	70	KIDZ BOP KIDS RAZOR & TIE Kidz Bop 30	12	12
81	71	DISTURBED Immortalized REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	1	20
73	72	NICKI MINAJ The Pinkprint	2	56
59	73	LOGIC The Incredible True Story	3	8
76	74	RICK ROSS MAYBACH/DEF JAM Black Market	6	5
94	75	JEREMIH MICK SCHULTZ/DEF JAM Late Nights: The Album	42	5
98	76	KENDRICK LAMAR ♠ good kid, m.A.A.d city TOP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	2	167
135	77	LAUREN DAIGLE How Can It Be	30	35
68	78	MICHAEL JACKSON A The Essential Michael Jackson	53	154
65	79	QUEEN A Greatest Hits	11	260
99	80	DRAKE Nothing Was The Same YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	1	117
100	81	JASON DERULO BELUGA HEIGHTS/WARNER BROS. Everything Is 4	4	25
85	82	MAROON 5 V 222/INTERSCOPE/IGA	1	71
101	83	ZAC BROWN BAND JEKYLL + HYDE JOHN VARVATOS/SOUTHERN GROUND/BMLG/REPUBLIC	1	37
104	84	X AMBASSADORS KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	7	28
113	85	SOUNDTRACK Fifty Shades Of Grey	2	46
63	86	MEEK MILL Dreams Worth More Than Money MAYBACH/ATLANTIC/AG	1	26
86	87	FLEETWOOD MAC A Greatest Hits	14	119
88	88	R. KELLY The Buffet	16	4
143	89	WALK THE MOON TALKING IS HARD	14	55
90	90	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE Anything Goes REPUBLIC NASHVILLE/BMLG CHARTING OF The Calabase Awarenee Mix Vol. 1.	1	65
97	91	SOUNDTRACK Guardians Of The Galaxy: Awesome Mix Vol. 1 MANUAL IOR LAZER Dogge Is The Mission	1	74
128	92	MAJOR LAZER Peace Is The Mission EIVE FINGER DEATH DINCH. Cot Your Six	12	31
91	93	FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH Got Your Six	2	18
75	94	BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS Legend: The Best Of THE GONG/ISLAND/LIME NIGHT VISIONS	5	399
103	95	IMAGINE DRAGONS A Night Visions KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA Abbox Dood	2	175
77	96	THE BEATLES Abbey Road APPLE/CAPITOL/UME ATLONG LAST ASAB	1	183
105	97	A\$AP ROCKY AT.LONG.LAST.A\$AP A\$AP WORLDWIDE/POLO GROUNDS/RCA PILSMA T King Push	1	32
72	98	PUSHA T G.O.O.D./DEF JAM RANICLAT THE DISCO. Too Woird To Live Too Pare To Diel	20	3
58	99	PANIC! AT THE DISCO Too Weird To Live, Too Rare To Die! DECAYDANCE/FUELED BY RAMEN/AG AC/DC Back In Black	2	56
157	100	AC/DC P Back In Black	4	246



Platten Debuts In Top Five

Rachel Platten took advantage of a sparse release week as the "Fight Song" singer bows at No. 5 on the Billboard 200 with her major-label debut, *Wildfire*. The set was one of the few significant albums released on Jan. 1 and launches with 45,000 equivalent-album units earned in the week ending Jan. 7, according to Nielsen Music.
The **Taylor Swift**-

endorsed Platten is the latest developing artist to have chart success in early January, thanks to the strategy of releasing an album early in the month when there is little competition from brand-new superstar sets. Few A-list acts populate the new-release calendar in January, as most tend to push out new material in the fourth quarter in the hopes of raking in big Christmas-fueled sales.

One of the best examples of a new artist scoring a big chart triumph in January is when **Kesha** issued her debut, Animal, on Jan. 5, 2010. The then-rising singer was in the middle of a nineweek run atop the Billboard Hot 100 with the album's lead single, "Tik Tok." Kesha blasted in at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 dated Jan. 23, selling 152,000 in pure album sales in the set's first week (back when the chart ranked titles on straight album sales). The party-ready pop star bumped $\bf Susan\, Boyle\, from$ the top slot after a six-week run with her debut album, I Dreamed a Dream. Five years after Kesha,

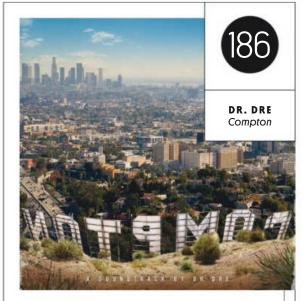
Meghan Trainor followed her No. 1 Hot 100 hit "All About That Bass" with her first full-length, $\it Title$. The album, released Jan. 13, 2015, blasted in at No. 1 on the Jan. 31 list with 238.000 equivalent-album units and 195,000 in pure album sales.

-Keith Caulfield



LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST CERTIFICATION Title	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
WEEK 55	101	JOURNEY DOURNEY DOURNEY JOURNEY'S Greatest Hits	10	390
78	102	CAGE THE ELEPHANT Tell Me I'm Pretty	26	3
102	103	IMAGINE DRAGONS Smoke + Mirrors KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	1	47
140	104	EMINEM The Marshall Mathers LP 2 WEB/SHADY/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	1	110
NEW	105	BOOSIE BADAZZ In My Feelings. (Goin' Thru It)	105	1
79	106	THE BEATLES The Beatles [White Album]	1	183
122	107	ED SHEERAN +	5	176
50	108	KID INK Summer In The Winter THA ALUMNI GROUP/88 CLASSIC/RCA	50	2
111	109	MUMFORD & SONS Wilder Mind	1	36
84	110	SOUNDTRACK Furious 7 UNIVERSAL STUDIOS/ATLANTIC/AG	1	38
107	111	AUGUST ALSINA NNTME MUCO./DEF JAM This Thing Called Life	14	4
RE	112	MICHAEL JACKSON ♠ Bad	1	143
174	113	LEON BRIDGES LISASAWYER63/COLUMBIA Coming Home	6	26
116	114	LANA DEL REY Born To Die	2	206
180	115	EMINEM ** WEB/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/UME The Eminem Show	1	249
RE	116	NIRVANA OSUB POP/DGC/GEFFEN/UME Nevermind	1	306
134	117	TY DOLLA \$IGN ATLANTIC/AG Free TC	14	7
118	118	JASON ALDEAN A Old Boots, New Dirt	1	66
144	119	ZAC BROWN BAND Greatest Hits So Far ROAR/SOUTHERN GROUND/ATLANTIC/AG	20	58
126	120	OLD DOMINION Meat And Candy	16	9
NEW	121	SHAKILA 11:11 City Of Love	121	1
124	122	LOGIC Under Pressure	4	21
89	123	BRING ME THE HORIZON That's The Spirit	2	14
149	124	LIL DICKY Professional Rapper	7	17
115	125	GUNS N' ROSES A Greatest Hits	3	339
161	126	SIA 1000 Forms Of Fear	1	74
176	127	CAROLE KING ODE/EPIC/LEGACY	1	315
120	128	ONE DIRECTION FOUR	1	59
148	129	BRUNO MARS A Doo-Wops & Hooligans	3	257
RE	130	EAGLES Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975 ASYLUM/ELEKTRA/RHINO	1	176
RE	131	DISCLOSURE Caracal METHOD/PMR/CAPITOL	9	10
96	132	FALL OUT BOY DECAYDANCE/ISLAND Save Rock And Roll	1	137
170	133	EMINEM A Recovery	1	214
127	134	Crash My Party	1	126
133	135	THE WEEKND Trilogy	4	97
172	136	AMY WINEHOUSE A Back To Black	2	143
165	137	AMARU/DEATH ROW/INTERSCOPE/LIME Greatest Hits	3	124
RE	138	LED ZEPPELIN Led Zeppelin IV	2	288
136	139	ARCTIC MONKEYS AM	6	116
156	140	LITTLE BIG TOWN CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN Pain Killer	7	64
155	141	NICK JONAS SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND Nick Jonas	6	45
114	142	LANA DEL REY POLYDOR/INTERSCOPE/IGA Franks Original Coundbrook Concess & Volume 1	2	16
132	143	SOUNDTRACK Empire: Original Soundtrack, Season 2, Volume 1 20TH CENTURY FOX/COLUMBIA That's Christmas To Mo	16	7
23	144	PENTATONIX That's Christmas To Me	2	23
173	145	TOVE LO Queen Of The Clouds	14	63
119	146	WIZ KHALIFA ROSTRUM/ATLANTIC/AG Blacc Hollywood Frozon	1	64
151	147	SOUNDTRACK A Frozen WALT DISNEY METALLICA A And Justice For All	1	108
RE	148	METALLICA AAnd Justice For All BLACKENED/WARNER BROS. ARIANA GRANDE My Everything	6	112
125	149	REPUBLIC	1	69
RE	150	The 20/20 Experience (2 Of 2)	1	55

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95	151	JOSH GROBAN Stages	2	37
RE	152	ANDREA BOCELLI Cinema	10	10
130	153	MAC MILLER WARNER BROS. GO:OD AM	4	15
153	154	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE A Here's To The Good Times	4	158
159	155	SHINEDOWN ATLANTIC/AG Threat To Survival	6	16
193	156	VANCE JOY F-STOP/ATLANTIC/AG Dream Your Life Away	17	50
184	157	BILLY JOEL A The Essential Billy Joel	15	53
108	158	CHRIS JANSON WARNER BROS. NASHVILLE/WMN Buy Me A Boat	18	7
189	159	J. COLE Born Sinner	1	46
160	160	TORI KELLY Unbreakable Smile	2	21
154	161	BRANTLEY GILBERT Just As I Am	2	84
163	162	ENYA Dark Sky Island	8	7
139	163	R. CITY What Dreams Are Made Of	25	9
186	164	BRETT ELDREDGE Illinois	3	12
162	165	KELSEA BALLERINI The First Time	31	29
178	166	BEYONCE A Beyonce	1	104
142	167	ONE DIRECTION Midnight Memories	1	86
RE	168	FRANK SINATRA Ultimate Sinatra FRANK SINATRA ENTERPRISES/CAPITOL/UME	32	27
110	169	SKRILLEX & DIPLO Skrillex And Diplo Present Jack U	26	41
RE	170	KANYE WEST A Graduation	1	64
131	171	PANIC! AT THE DISCO A A Fever You Can't Sweat Out	13	73
129	172	MY CHEMICAL ROMANCE The Black Parade REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	2	74
185	173	ERIC CHURCH The Outsiders	1	100
RE	174	METALLICA Master Of Puppets	29	116
RE	175	KIRK FRANKLIN Losing My Religion	10	7
187	176	MARK RONSON Uptown Special.	5	43
166	177	GREEN DAY 🛕 American Idiot	1	123
RE	178	REPRISE/WARNER BROS. BEYONCE A MUSIC WORLD/COLUMBIA	1	95
138	179	5 SECONDS OF SUMMER 5 Seconds Of Summer	1	66
175	180	GRIMES Art Angels	36	6
121	181	THE BEATLES Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band	1	194
RE	182	J. COLE Cole World: The Sideline Story	1	54
RE	183	JANA KRAMER Thirty One	10	7
RE	184	A\$AP ROCKY Long.Live.A\$AP	1	54
RE	185	A\$AP WORLDWIDE/POLO GROUNDS/RCA VARIOUS ARTISTS WOW Hits 2016	55	14
RE	186	PLG/WORD-CURB/CAPITOL CMG DR. DRE Compton	2	15
RE	187	JEEZY Church In These Streets	4	7
169	188	BREAKING BENJAMIN Dark Before Dawn HOLLYWOOD	1	27
147	189	FIFTH HARMONY Reflection	5	41
195	190	TREY SONGZ Trigga	1	70
141	191	TWENTY ONE PILOTS twenty one pilots	141	2
RE	192	ELTON JOHN A Greatest Hits 1970-2002	12	95
145	193	CHRIS BROWN X	2	59
RE	194	DR. DRE ⚠ Dr. Dre − 2001	2	133
RE	194	BON JOVI Slippery When Wet	1	111
197	196	CHILDISH GAMBINO Because The Internet	7	99
H	196	BOB SEGER & THE SILVER BULLET BAND Ultimate Hits	19	103
137	197	FOO FIGHTERS Greatest Hits	_	
137	198	ROSWELL/RCA MONICA Code Red	27	119
146		OMI Me 4 U	27	3
196	200	LOUDER THAN LIFE/ULTRA/COLUMBIA	51	7



Dr. Dre's Compton likely will surpass 500,000 in pure album sales during the week ending Jan. 14, becoming the hip-hop mogul's third (of three) to reach the half-million mark. (The album is less than 3,000 away from reaching the threshold as of the frame ending Jan. 7.) Dre's best-seller is *Dr. Dre—2001*, which has sold 7.9 million since its release in 1999. In related news, the multiartist Straight Outta Compton soundtrack is due to bow on the Jan. 30 charts, following its release on Jan. 8.





DURAN DURAN Paper Gods

promotion for the band's upcoming tour triggers its return to the list (12,000 units, up 1,367 percent). The trek kicks off March 28 in Durham, N.C., and continues through August.





FLEETWOOD Greatest Hits

sold. Ahead of it: **Josh Groban**'s Stages (637,000) and **Kid Rock**'s First Kiss (354,000).

Adele's 25 Meets Houston Feat

Adele's 25 becomes the first album by a woman to spend its first seven weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 since 1987 (and the first since Nielsen Music's electronically scanned point-of-sale data began powering the chart in 1991), as the set rules the list for a seventh straight frame.

25 earned 194,000 equivalent-album units in the week ending Jan. 7, according to Nielsen Music (down 47 percent). Of that sum, 164,000 were in pure album sales (down 47 percent as well). It also remains at No. 1 on the Top Album Sales chart.

The only other album by a woman to chart at No. 1 during its first seven weeks on the Billboard 200 was Whitney Houston's second release, Whitney, which bowed atop the list dated June 17, 1987, and ruled for 11 straight frames (through the chart dated Sept. 5). Whitney also was the first album by a woman to debut at No. 1 (in an era when the chart was tabulated through ranked reports that retailers submitted to Billboard).

Among all albums, 25 is the first to score its first seven weeks at No. 1 since early 2002, when **Creed**'s Weathered staked its first eight chart weeks at No. 1.

25's pure-album sales total stands at 7.6 million in the United States.

—Keith Caulfield



Album Sales

TO	PΑ	LBUM SALES ™	
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST CERTIFICATION Title	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL #1 ADELE AT A COLUMBIA	7
2	2	JUSTIN BIEBER A Purpose	8
_		SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM CHRIS STAPLETON Traveller	18
5 HOT	Ľ	MERCURY NASHVILLE/UMGN RACHEL PLATTEN Wildfire	
HOT SHOT DEBUT	4	COLUMBIA	1
3	5	FUELED BY RAMEN/AG	34
NEW	6	PASSION Salvation's Tide Is Rising	1
4	7	ONE DIRECTION Made In The A.M.	8
6	8	CHRIS BROWN Royalty	3
7	9	SOUNDTRACK Star Wars: The Force Awakens	3
8	10	TAYLOR SWIFT 1989	63
9	11	COLDPLAY A Head Full Of Dreams	5
13	12	ADELE 1 21 XL/COLUMBIA	218
11	13	THE WEEKND Beauty Behind The Madness	19
10	14	BRYSON TILLER TRAPSOUL/RCA	15
22	15	LUKE BRYAN CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN Kill The Lights	22
14	16	VARIOUS ARTISTS NOW 56	10
RE	172	DURAN DURAN Paper Gods	4
<u> </u>	\vdash	WARNER BROS. MEGHAN TRAINOR Title	52
31	18	G-EAZY When It's Dark Out	
15	19	G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA	5
18	20	PENTATONIX Pentatonix	12
17	21	SELENA GOMEZ INTERSCOPE/IGA Revival	13
23	22	SAM HUNT Montevallo	63
16	23	TWENTY ONE PILOTS FUELED BY RAMEN/AG Vessel	55
39	24	DRAKE If You're Reading This It's Too Late	44
19	25	FETTY WAP Fetty Wap	15
RE	26	JOEY ALEXANDER My Favorite Things	2
36	27	KENDRICK LAMAR To Pimp A Butterfly TOP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE/IGA	38
25	28	ORIGINAL BROADWAY CAST Hamilton: An American Musical	15
27	29	CARRIE UNDERWOOD Storyteller	11
50	30	ELLIE GOULDING CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE/IGA Delirium	7
33	31	ED SHEERAN 🛕 X	81
32	32	FUTURE DS2	21
М		A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC JORDAN SMITH The Voice: The Complete Season 9 Collection	4
44	33	REPUBLIC Badlands	_
24	34	ASTRALWERKS BAUTATION ADELE A 19	19
42	35	XL/COLUMBIA	199
60	36	ELLE KING Love Stuff	33
37	37	THOMAS RHETT Tangled Up	15
45	38	ERIC CHURCH EMI NASHVILLE/UMGN Mr. Misunderstood	10
34	39	FALL OUT BOY American Beauty / American Psycho	46
26	40	TROYE SIVAN Blue Neighbourhood	5
51	41	ALABAMA SHAKES Sound & Color	30
38	42	KIDZ BOP KIDS Kidz Bop 30	12
77	43	METALLICA 69 Metallica BLACKENED/WARNER BROS.	332
21	44	THE BEATLES APPLE/CAPITOL/UME	191
53	45	CHRIS YOUNG RCA NASHVILLE/SMN I'm Comin' Over	8
20	46	CARRIE UNDERWOOD Greatest Hits: Decade #1	34
47	47	19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN SOUNDTRACK A Guardians Of The Galaxy: Awesome Mix Vol. 1	74
		J. COLE 2014 Forest Hills Drive	52
43	48	DREAMVILLE/ROC NATION/COLUMBIA 5 SECONDS OF SUMMER Sounds Good Feels Good	
29	49	HI OR HEY/CAPITOL	11

BLAKE SHELTON Reloaded: 20 #1 Hits

HEATSEEKERS ALBUMS™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST CERTIFICATION TITLE IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	WKS. ON CHART	
1	0	#1 GG SHAKILA 11:11 City Of Love	11	
4	2	ANDERSON EAST Delilah	4	
2	3	KAMASI WASHINGTON The Epic	12	
3	4	ALINA BARAZ & GALIMATIAS Urban Flora (EP)	33	
RE	5	STARS GO DIM FERVENT/WORD-CURB/WMN Stars Go Dim	3	
NEW	6	BACKROAD ANTHEM BACKROAD ANTHEM Torn (EP)	1	
RE	7	CECILE MCLORIN SALVANT For One To Love	6	
18	8	JAH CURE The Cure	5	
9	9	THE STRUTS Have You Heard (EP) FUTURE RECORDS/FREESOLO/INTERSCOPE/IGA	8	
5	10	BTS The Most Beautiful Moment In Life, Pt. 2	4	
6	11	RUTH B The Intro (EP)	3	
RE	12	JORDAN FELIZ Beloved CENTRICITY/CAPITOL CMG	2	
8	13	ICE NINE KILLS Every Trick In The Book FEARLESS	5	
NEW	14	RAMP WORSHIP THE RAMP/WATERSHED The River Is Rising	1	
NEW	15	ZUSHA Kavana	1	
NEW	16	WE ARE MESSENGERS We Are Messengers WORD-CURB/WMN	1	
21	17	JULIA HOLTER Have You In My Wilderness	3	
16	18	HOUNDMOUTH Little Neon Limelight	16	
20	19	HIPPO CAMPUS GRAND JURY/FAT POSSUM South (EP)	3	
RE	20	JANINE AND THE MIXTAPE LITTLE MIXTAPE/ATLANTIC/AG XXEP	2	
RE	21	BEACH SLANG POLYVINYL The Things We Do To Find People Like Us	4	
15	22	WAGE WAR Blueprints	7	
NEW	23	CLIVE ROMNEY I Know The Scriptures Are True: Songs For Children 2016 SHADOW MOUNTAIN	1	
22	24	DAVE RAWLINGS MACHINE Nashville Obsolete	10	
NEW	25	EL CREEPO! Bellissimo!	1	

JA	JAZZ DIGITAL SONGS™			
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	WKS. ON CHART	
NEW	0	#1 UNFORGETTABLE Natalie Cole	1	
0	2	HAVEN'T MET YOU YET Michael Buble 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	314	
2	3	WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD Louis Armstrong	314	
5	4	DON'T KNOW WHY Norah Jones	306	
6	5	FEELING GOOD 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS. Michael Buble	314	
NEW	6	MY FAVORITE THINGS Joey Alexander	1	
0	7	FEELING GOOD Nina Simone	306	
12	8	COME AWAY WITH ME Norah Jones	311	
10	9	EVERYTHING 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS. Michael Buble	313	
18	10	SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS. Michael Buble	305	
13	11	LA VIE EN ROSE Louis Armstrong	291	
RE	12	MA BLUES Joey Alexander	2	
RE	13	OVER THE RAINBOW Joey Alexander	2	
9	14	FRIEND LIKE ME Ne-Yo	10	
RE	15	TAKE FIVE The Dave Brubeck Quartet	289	
RE	16	SWAY 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS. Michael Buble	289	
16	17	IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY Michael Buble REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	145	
17	18	IN THE MOOD Glenn Miller And His Orchestra	289	
24	19	JUST THE TWO OF US Grover Washington, Jr.	243	
22	20	CREEP Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox Feat. Haley Reinhart SCOTT BRADLEE	35	
15	21	I'VE GOT YOU UNDER MY SKIN Frank Sinatra	207	
NEW	22	THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU Natalie Cole	1	
RE	23	FEELING GOOD (BASSNECTAR REMIX) Nina Simone VERVE/VG	61	
8	24	LINUS AND LUCY (PEANUTS THEME) Vince Guaraldi Trio Fantasy/concord	77	
3	25	IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS Michael Buble 143/REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	21	



Backroad Anthem, Cole Fans Pay Tribute

Country band Backroad Anthem debuts at No. 6 on Heatseekers Albums with its Torn EP following the death of one of its singers, Craig Strickland. He was found dead on Jan. 4 after his boat capsized during a duck-hunting trip on Dec. 27, 2015. The EP sold 1,000 copies in the week ending Jan. 7, according to Nielsen Music — up 77 percent. The band will play sold-out shows Jan. 16 and 17 in Strickland's honor at George's Majestic Lounge in Fayetteville, Ark.

A former Heatseekers Albums-charting set, My Favorite Things by 12-year-old jazz pianist Joey Alexander, makes a big splash thanks to Alexander's profile on CBS' 60 Minutes . (Jan. 3). The album hits the top 100 of the Billboard 200 for the first time (making it now ineligible for the Heatseekers list). It first spent a week on the chart in May 2015 at No. 174 and now re-enters at No. 59 (with 9,000 sold in pure album sales — up by 3,563 percent). Alexander also dots the Jazz Digital Songs chart as he places five cuts on the 25-position list, including his album's title track at No. 6 (1,000 downloads sold; up 1,722 percent). Also on Jazz Digital Songs,

the late **Natalie Cole**, who died Dec. 31, 2015, debuts at No. 1 with "Unforgettable" in the wake of her death (8,000; up 1,358 percent). In total, Cole's catalog of songs grew by 1,771 percent in downloads for the week (to 37,000) while her album sales increased 3,263 percent to 9,000. Cole's on-demand streams (audio and video combined) soared 1,014 percent to 4.7 million. —K.C.



Kanye West (below) notches a trio of hits in the top 10 of the Billboard + Twitter Top Tracks chart, led by the No. 3 debut of "No More Friends in LA" (featuring Kendrick Lamar). West premiered a snippet of the track on Jan. 8 alongside the full version of another new cut, "Real Friends" (featuring Ty Dolla Sign), which itself enters at No. 8. Between the new tracks, West's "Facts" bows at No. 6 following its surprise New Year's Eve release on SoundCloud.

The three new arrivals have energized anticipation for West's next full-length album. After sharing the new cuts, West offered a possible release date for the set, titled Swish, by tweeting "SWISH February 116"

Meanwhile, the release of **David Bowie**'s new album, *Blackstar*, on Jan. 8 spurs re-entries of the set's title track (No. 18) and "Lazarus" (No. 26). The latest chart's tracking week ended Jan. 10, the same day Bowie died after an 18-month battle with cancer.

Bowie premiered the music video for "Lazarus" the day before the album's release, and the clip has amassed more than 13 million global YouTube views through Jan. 12. The haunting, bleak video features Bowie writhing in a hospital room before ultimately withdrawing into a dark closet.

Producer **Tony Visconti** revealed that the album was purposely crafted as Bowie's "parting gift" to his fans. "He wanted to do it his way, and he wanted to do it the best way," wrote Visconti in a Facebook post on Jan. 11. "His death was no different from his life — a work of art."

—Trevor Anderson





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IST THIS TITLE EEK WEEK	Artist	WKS. O CHART
1 #1 LOV	E YOURSELF Justin Bieber	9
2 WHAT DO	YOU MEAN? Justin Bieber	24
W 3 NO MORE PAR	RTIES IN LA Kanye West Feat. Kendrick Lamar	1
4 SORRY	Justin Bieber	12
y 5 RUN	BTS	1
6 FACTS	Kanye West	1
7 HELLO	Adele	12
8 REAL FRIE	IDS Kanye West Feat. Ty Dolla \$ign	1
9 SAME OL	D LOVE Selena Gomez	18
10 LOVE YOU	JRSELF Craig David	1
11 HISTORY	One Direction	10
	One Direction	-
		12
	OVE SONG Little Mix	10
14 CONFIDE		17
15 WORTH I	Fifth Harmony Feat. Kid Ink	45
W 16 UNTITLE	D 2 Kendrick Lamar	1
17 OLIVIA	One Direction	5
18 BLACKST	AR David Bowie	4
19 LEAN ON	Major Lazer & DJ Snake Feat. MO	42
20 REAPER	Sia	1
21 BUTTERF	LY BTS	1
22 PERFECT	One Direction	14
23 WONDERF	UL Travi\$ Scott Feat. The Weeknd	1
24 HOTLINE	BLING Drake	14
25 STITCHES	Shawn Mendes	32
26 LAZARUS	David Bowie	2
	Troye Sivan	1
	•	8
\sim	ORE (ROYALTY) Chris Brown	1
29 BEFOUR	Zayn Malik	3
30 STRESSE		3
31 HANDS T	O MYSELF Selena Gomez	7
32 YOUTH	Troye Sivan	5
33 BLACK M	AGIC Little Mix	27
34 DRAG ME	DOWN One Direction	24
35 I NEED U	BTS	11
36 TRY EVE	RYTHING Shakira	1
37 NOTHIN I	PERSONAL Cozz	1
38 BY CHAN	CE Rae Sremmurd	1
39 WTF (WHERE T	HEY FROM) Missy Elliott Feat. Pharrell Williams	5
40 FOCUS	Ariana Grande	14
41 HERE	Alessia Cara	6
42 WILDEST	DREAMS Taylor Swift	19
43 BIRDS	Coldplay	2
4	IRE OF A LIFETIME Coldplay	9
45 ONE CALI	· ·	5
		14
		1
48 DESSERT	Dawin	6
49 FIGHT SO	NG Rachel Platten	25

R. City Feat. Adam Levine

billboard ** EMERGING ARTISTS** PRESENTED BY			
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE Artist	WKS. ON CHART
NEW	0	#1 NOTHIN PERSONAL COZZ	1
RE	2	MAKE A MOVE Torro Torro	3
NEW	3	IN2 WSTRN	1
NEW	4	KING CITY Majid Jordan	1
NEW	•	EN ESTA NO Sin Bandera	1
NEW	6	SERVIN Audio Push Feat. Bmacthequeen	1
NEW	7	CHURCH Nyck Caution	1
NEW	8	ADORE Savages	1
16	9	NIGHT JOB Bas Feat. J. Cole	5
4	10	7 YEARS Lukas Graham	11
2	11	RAP UP 2015 Uncle Murda	2
NEW	12	WHO SAID Cozz	1
6	13	LA GOZADERA Gente de Zona Feat. Marc Anthony	25
9	14	BE THE ONE Dua Lipa	10
NEW	15	GOLD Kiiara	1
NEW	16	CUT IT Dave East	1
3	17	ALL MY FRIENDS Snakehips Feat. Tinashe & Chance The Rapper	12
NEW	18	SAY ANYMORE Kiiara	1
8	19	SOMETHING ABOUT YOU Majid Jordan	6
NEW	20	CRYING IN PUBLIC Chairlift	1
NEW	21	STREET POLITICIAN Novelist	1
7	22	DON'T WORRY Madcon Feat. Ray Dalton	25
11	23	BOYS LIKE YOU Who Is Fancy Feat. Ariana Grande & Meghan Trainor	9
RE	24	FIX Chris Lane	5
NEW	25	REICHPOP Wild Nothing	1
12	26	MIGHT NOT Belly Feat. The Weeknd	4
15	27	CROSSFIRE Stephen	5
NEW	28	FEELS Kiiara	1
14	29	THE TROUBLE WITH US Marcus Marr & Chet Faker	11
RE	30	ALL TIME LOW Jon Bellion	7
NEW	31	ALL THE WAYS Wet	1
NEW	32	HEY YOU The Thermals	1
5	33	50 SHADES OF POP DJ Earworm	6
43	34	DRAMA Roy Wood\$ Feat. Drake	26
13	35	CHURCH BJ The Chicago Kid Feat. Chance The Rapper & Buddy	18
18	36	BILLS LunchMoney Lewis	18
NEW	37	HALLUCINATIONS dvsn	1
NEW	38	FLIP AND REWIND Boss Selection Feat. Rashida Jones	1
46	39	BREATHE LIFE Jack Garratt	8
NEW	40	INTENTIONAL Travis Greene	1
38	41	ELECTRIC LOVE BORNS	24
RE	42	ERASER METZ	2
NEW	43	LOVE SOMEBODY St. Lucia	1
37	44	WHIP IT! LunchMoney Lewis Feat. Chloe Angelides SOMETHING APOUT YOU. Hayden James	17
26	45	SOMETHING ABOUT YOU Hayden James 2 HEADS Coleman Hell	31
28	46		21
25	47	STAY A LITTLE LONGER Brothers Osborne WISH YOU WERE MINE Philip George	14
20	48	WISH YOU WERE MINE Philip George HIGH Zella Day	48
RE	49		7
33	50	WORKING FOR IT ZHU x Skrillex x THEY	12



Mendes Makes A Move

Shawn Mendes (above) reaches a new peak on the Social 50, ascending to the runner-up slot from his previous peak of No. 3 (which he first reached on the chart dated Dec. 5, 2015). Mendes' increase in points is powered by a lift in Instagram hearts and comments (39 percent) in the tracking week ending Jan. 10, according to Next Big Sound.

At the Jan. 6 People's Choice Awards (broadcast on CBS), the singer performed a medley of his top 40 Billboard Hot 100 hits "Stitches" and "I Know What You Did Last Summer" after winning the award for favorite breakout artist.

A photo Mendes posted on Instagram from the event gathered more than 13,000 comments and 566,000 hearts. Another shot from the night, a photo of Mendes and "Know" duet partner **Camila Cabello** onstage, gathered 571,000 hearts and nearly 8,000 comments.

In total, Mendes collected more than 7.2 million reactions on Instagram during the tracking week. His Wikipedia views also increased 55 percent, adding 56,000 views.

Also rising on the Social 50 is Kanye West, who reaches his highest rank (No. 11) since March 21, 2015 (No. 6). The rapper's rank is boosted by a 1,143 percent increase in Twitter reactions (461,000 retweets and favorites). During the tracking week, West tweeted about his new track "Real Friends." wished everyone a "nice weekend" and revealed the release date for his next album: Swish is believed to be due Feb. 11 (see story, left).

-Emily White

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LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST	WKS. O CHART
1	1	#1 JUSTIN BIEBER BOWKS SCHOOL ROY/RAYMOND BRAIN/DEF IAM	268
ŏ	2	SHAWN MENDES	55
		SELENA GOMEZ	
7	Н	INTERSCOPE/IGA DEMI LOVATO	266
6	4	SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/HOLLYWOOD TAYLOR SWIFT	258
4	5	BIG MACHINE/BMLG	268
5	6	ARIANA GRANDE REPUBLIC	164
18	0	DMG NASHVILLE	80
12	8	ADELE XL/COLUMBIA	185
25	9	LADY GAGA STREAMLINE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	266
10	10	KATY PERRY CAPITOL	268
50	0	KANYE WEST G.O.O.D./ROC-A-FELLA/DEF JAM	65
8	12	ONE DIRECTION SYCO/COLUMBIA	217
21	13	ELLIE GOULDING CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE/IGA	122
19	14	MILEY CYRUS	196
ii)	15	JENNIFER LOPEZ CAPITOL	254
14	16	WIZ KHALIFA	255
9	17	ROSTRUM/ATLANTIC/AG DRAKE	243
		YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC NICKI MINAJ	_
2	18	YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC CHRIS BROWN	267
17	19	RCA	241
15	20	ZENDAYA HOLLYWOOD	74
26	21	BEYONCE PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA	265
13	22	5 SECONDS OF SUMMER HI OR HEY/CAPITOL	94
22	23	RIHANNA WESTBURY ROAD/ROC NATION	257
33	24	SNOOP DOGG DOGGYSTYLE/COLUMBIA	233
38	25	FIFTH HARMONY SYCO/EPIC	35
41	26	THE WEEKND XO/REPUBLIC	34
20	27	BECKY G KEMOSABE/RCA	62
32	28	SHAKIRA SONY MUSIC LATIN/RCA	264
48	29	TIMATI BLACK STAR	7
RE	30	FALL OUT BOY	10
49	н	DCD2/ISLAND FUTURE	_
М	31	A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC TROYE SIVAN	22
23	32	JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE	33
RE	33	RCA	231
RE	34	G-EAZY G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA	3
37	35	DJ KHALED WE THE BEST/RED ASSOCIATED LABELS	4
40	36	RITA ORA ROC NATION/COLUMBIA	54
28	37	BRITNEY SPEARS RCA	227
RE	38	JESSIE J LAVA/REPUBLIC	68
42	39	JACOB WHITESIDES DOUBLE U/BMG	25
27	40	MARTIN GARRIX SCHOOLBOY/SPINNIN'/SILENT/CASABLANCA/REPUBLIC	86
35	41	PLIES UNSIGNED	2
31	42	LITTLE MIX SYCO/COLUMBIA	79
RE	43	LUDACRIS DTP/DEF JAM	95
24	44	AUSTIN MAHONE	130
RE	45	CHASE/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC MEGHAN TRAINOR	41
	\vdash	50 CENT	-
RE	46	TYGA	143
39	47	YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC TORI KELLY	43
RE	48	SCHOOLBOY/CAPITOL	6
47	49	IGGY AZALEA TURN FIRST/HUSTLE GANG/DEF JAM	64
RE	50	DAVID BOWIE ISO/COLUMBIA	2

AST EEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	Artist	WKS.
2	1	#1 SAME OLD LOVE	Selena Gomez	17
1	2	SORRY SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber	12
4	3	HERE EP/DEF JAM	Alessia Cara	24
3	4	HELLO XL/COLUMBIA	Adele	12
7	5	IN THE NIGHT XO/REPUBLIC	The Weeknd	9
5	6	LIKE I'M GONNA LOSE YOU Meghan Train	nor Featuring John Legend	19
12	7	GG LOVE YOURSELF SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAU	Justin Bieber	6
6	8	ON MY MIND CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE	Ellie Goulding	17
10	9	ROSES The Chainsmokers	Featuring ROZES	13
13	10	STRESSED OUT TWO FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	enty one pilots	8
9	11	CONFIDENT SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/REPUBLIC/HOLLYW	Demi Lovato	14
8	12	STITCHES ISLAND/REPUBLIC	Shawn Mendes	32
11	13	PERFECT SYCO/COLUMBIA	One Direction	12
14	14	HIDE AWAY ARTBEATZ	Daya	19
17	15	I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER Sha ISLAND/REPUBLIC	wn Mendes & Camila Cabello	7
15	16	HOTLINE BLING YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	Drake	17
16	17	WILDEST DREAMS BIG MACHINE/REPUBLIC	Taylor Swift	20
22	18	WHEN WE WERE YOUNG	Adele	4
20	19	CAKE BY THE OCEAN REPUBLIC	DNCE	14
18	20	WHAT DO YOU MEAN? SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	Justin Bieber	20
19	21	EX'S & OH'S RCA	Elle King	20
23	22	ONE CALL AWAY ARTIST PARTNERS GROUP/ATLANTIC	Charlie Puth	8
21	23	USED TO LOVE YOU MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE	Gwen Stefani	11
24	24	IRRESISTIBLE DCD2/ISLAND/REPUBLIC	Fall Out Boy	10
25	25	MY HOUSE POE BOY/ATLANTIC	Flo Rida	9

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LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	WKS. ON CHART
1	0	#1 HELLO Adele	12
2	2	WILDEST DREAMS Taylor Swift	19
5	3	GG LIKEI'M GONNA LOSE YOU Meghan Trainor Feat. John Legend	25
4	4	SHUT UP AND DANCE WALK THE MOON	43
3	5	FIGHT SONG Rachel Platten	39
6	6	PHOTOGRAPH Ed Sheeran	33
7	7	SUGAR Maroon 5	45
10	8	STYLE Taylor Swift	44
8	9	WANT TO WANT ME BELUGA HEIGHTS/WARNER BROS. Jason Derulo	28
9	10	HONEY, I'M GOOD. Andy Grammer	37
11	11	EX'S & OH'S Elle King	17
12	12	RENEGADES X Ambassadors KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	20
13	13	STITCHES Shawn Mendes	12
14	14	LOCKED AWAY R. City Feat. Adam Levine	18
16	15	WHEN WE WERE YOUNG Adele	3
15	16	WHAT DO YOU MEAN? Justin Bieber SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	11
17	17	STAND BY YOU Rachel Platten	12
18	18	ON MY MIND CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE Ellie Goulding	9
19	19	ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME Coldplay PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	7
20	20	LET IT GO James Bay	10
21	21	USED TO LOVE YOU Gwen Stefani	7
27	22	SORRY Justin Bieber SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	2
22	23	CAN'T SLEEP LOVE Pentatonix	10
23	24	GOOD TO BE ALIVE (HALLELUJAH) Andy Grammer s-curve/Hollywood	2
24	25	LAY IT ALL ON ME Rudimental Feat. Ed Sheeran MAJOR TOMS/BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC	7

RH	RHYTHMIC™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	WKS.ON CHART		
2	1	#1 SORRY Justin Bieber SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	11		
1	2	ANTIDOTE Travi\$ Scott	14		
6	3	GG JUMPMAN Drake & Future A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	9		
3	4	HERE Alessia Cara	22		
7	9	IN THE NIGHT The Weeknd	8		
4	6	WHITE IVERSON Post Malone	20		
5	7	HOTLINE BLING YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC Drake	20		
10	8	SAY IT Tory Lanez	10		
11	9	SAME OLD LOVE Selena Gomez	11		
15	10	AGAIN Fetty Wap	14		
8	11	BACK UP DEJ Loaf Featuring Big Sean	21		
9	12	679 Fetty Wap Featuring Remy Boyz	23		
14	13	GET HOME JR Castro Feat. Kid Ink & Migos	15		
13	14	HELLO Adele	10		
18	15	ROSES The Chainsmokers Featuring ROZES DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	7		
19	16	ME, MYSELF & I G-Eazy x Bebe Rexha	8		
17	17	MY HOUSE Flo Rida	10		
16	18	WTF (WHERE THEY FROM) THE GOLD MIND/ATLANTIC Missy Elliott Feat. Pharrell Williams	8		
22	19	LOVE YOURSELF Justin Bieber SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	4		
12	20	PLAYER Tinashe Featuring Chris Brown	13		
23	21	DON'T Bryson Tiller	7		
28	22	GET UGLY Jason Derulo BELUGA HEIGHTS/WARNER BROS.	5		
20	23	NO ROLE MODELZ DREAMVILLE/ROC NATION/COLUMBIA J. Cole	19		
27	24	BACK TO SLEEP Chris Brown	5		
26	25	CALIFORNIA Colonel Loud Feat. T.I., Young Dolph & Ricco Barrino DERTYNORTH/EMPIRE RECORDINGS	7		

AD	ADULT TOP 40™					
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE Artist	WKS.ON CHART			
2	0	#1 LIKEI'M GONNA LOSE YOU Meghan Trainor Feat. John Legend	28			
1	2	HELLO Adele	12			
3	3	STITCHES Shawn Mendes	19			
4	4	EX'S & OH'S Elle King	30			
5	5	ON MY MIND Ellie Goulding CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE	15			
6	6	WILDEST DREAMS BIG MACHINE/REPUBLIC Taylor Swift	20			
7	0	STAND BY YOU Rachel Platten	17			
8	8	ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME Coldplay PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	10			
13	9	SORRY Justin Bieber SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	8			
9	10	RENEGADES X Ambassadors KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	28			
14	11	WHEN WE WERE YOUNG Adele	6			
10	12	USED TO LOVE YOU Gwen Stefani MAD LOVE/INTERSCOPE	11			
12	13	GOOD TO BE ALIVE (HALLELUJAH) Andy Grammer S-CURVE/HOLLYWOOD	17			
16	14	LET IT GO James Bay	14			
18	15	SAME OLD LOVE Selena Gomez INTERSCOPE	10			
20	16	STRESSED OUT twenty one pilots	7			
15	17	HOLD MY HAND ATLANTIC Jess Glynne	18			
17	18	CONFIDENT Demi Lovato SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/REPUBLIC/HOLLYWOOD	12			
19	19	HERE Alessia Cara	11			
23	20	ONE CALL AWAY Charlie Puth	9			
21	21	WHAT DO YOU MEAN? SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM Justin Bieber	18			
22	22	HOLD ON FOREVER Rob Thomas	16			
24	23	IRRESISTIBLE Fall Out Boy DCD2/ISLAND/REPUBLIC	11			
26	24	IN THE NIGHT The Weeknd	5			
25	25	CAN'T SLEEP LOVE Pentatonix	13			





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KS.	LAST	THIS	NTRY SONGS TM TITLE CERTIFICATION	Artist	PEAK	WKS.ON
50	WEEK	WEEK	PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	POS.	CHART
L	브	1	DIE A HAPPY MAN OLHUFF, J. FRASURE (THOMAS RHETT, S.M. DOUGLAS, JOE		1	16
2	2	2	Z.CROWELL,S.MCANALLY (S.HUNT,Z.CROWELL,S.MCANALLY)	Sam Hunt MCA NASHVILLE	2	39
1	4	3	J.STEVENS, J.STEVENS (J.STEVENS, C.TAYLOR, J.DŘEYEI	_	3	12
	3	4	J.BHASKER,T.JOHNSON (C.OCHS,S.T.JOHNSON,J.BHASKER)	ARISTA NASHVILLE	2	31
	6	9	GONNA KNOW WE WERE HERE M.KNOX (B.BEAVERS, BRETT JAMES)	Jason Aldean BROKEN BOW	5	24
	7	6	JJOYCE (J. OSBORNE,T.J. OSBORNE,S.MCANALLY)	Brothers Osborne	5	40
	9	7	I LOVE THIS LIFE L.RIMES,P.BRUST,C.LUCAS (D.MYRICK,C.JANSON,C.LUCAS,P.BRU	LoCash REVIVER	7	34
	8	8	I GOT THE BOY S.HENDRICKS (T.NICHOLS,C.HARRINGTON,J.L.SPEARS)	Jana Kramer ELEKTRA NASHVILLE/WAR	8	47
	5	9	I'M COMIN' OVER C.CROWDER,J.HOGE)	Chris Young RCA NASHVILLE	2	35
	14	10	BACKROAD SONG F.ROGERS,G.SMITH (G.SMITH,F.ROGERS)	Granger Smith WHEELHOUSE	10	16
	13	1	BEAUTIFUL DRUG Z.BROWN (Z.BROWN,N.MOON) SOUTHERN GROUN	Zac Brown Band D/JOHN VARVATOS/REPUBLIC/DOT	11	17
	11	12	GONNA S.HENDRICKS (L.LAIRD,C.WISEMAN)	Blake Shelton WARNER BROS./WMN	4	24
	18	13	BREAK ON ME. N.CHAPMAN,K.URBAN (J.M.NITE,R.COPPERMAN)	Keith Urban HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE	13	11
Ī	12	14	DIBS F.G.WHITEHEAD,J.MASSEY (K.BALLERINI,J.KERR,R.GRIFFIN,J.DUI	Kelsea Ballerini	12	22
7	22	15	SG HEARTBEAT Z.CROWELL (C.UNDERWOOD, Z.CROWELL, A.GORLEY)	Carrie Underwood	15	11
	15	16	TOP OF THE WORLD B.GALLIMORE,T.MCGRAW (J.ROBBINS,J.M.NITE,J.OSBORNE)	Tim McGraw McGraw/Big Machine	11	23
	10	17	STRIP IT DOWN J.STEVENS, J.STEVENS (L.BRYAN, J.M.NITE, R.COPPERMAN)	Luke Bryan	1	25
y	17	18	MR. MISUNDERSTOOD JJOYCE (E.CHURCH,C.BEATHARD)	Eric Church	17	10
3	21	19	CONFESSION J.MOI (R.CLAWSON, R.COPPERMAN, M.JENKINS)	Florida Georgia Line	19	10
4	20	20	WE WENT	Randy Houser	19	32
	16	21	D.GEORGE (J.WILSON,M.ROGERS,J.KING) SMOKE BREAK	Carrie Underwood	4	21
	24	22	NOBODY TO BLAME	19/ARISTA NASHVILLE Chris Stapleton	22	10
1	19	23	D.COBB,C.STAPLETON (C.STAPLETON,B.BALES,R.BOWMAN) YOU SHOULD BE HERE	Cole Swindell	10	4
4	23	24	M.CARTER (C.SWINDELL, A.GORLEY) TENNESSEE WHISKEY	WARNER BROS./WMN Chris Stapleton	10	11
_	25	25	D.COBB,C.STAPLETON (D.DILLON,LINDA HARGROVE) COUNTRY NATION	Brad Paisley	_	19
		H	L.WOOTEN,B.PAISLEY (B.PAISLEY,C.DUBOIS,K.LOVELACE) I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT	ARISTA NASHVILLÉ Rascal Flatts	23	
Ų	26	26	DG DRUNK ON YOUR LOVE	Brett Eldredge	26	16
4	28	н	R. COPPERMAN, B. ELDREDGE (B. ELDREDGE, R. COPPEI THAT DON'T SOUND LIKE YOU		27	8
	27	28	J.STONE, L.BRICE (L.BRICE, R.AKINS, A.GORLEY) LITTLE BIT OF YOU	Chase Bryant	25	28
	29	29	D.GEORGE,C.BRYANT (C.BRYANT,D.GEORGE,A.GORLEY) (THIS AIN'T NO) DRUNK DIAL	A Thousand Horses	29	20
90	30	30	D.COBB (M.HOBBY,C.CROWDER, N.MASON,C.DODDS) SNAPBACK	Old Dominion	30	20
4	32	31	S.MCANALLY (M.RAMSEY,T. ROSEN,B.TURSI) STONE COLD SOBER	RCA NASHVILLE Brantlev Gilbert	31	8
	31	32	D.HUFF (B.GILBERT, BRETT JAMES, D.LAYUS) BETTER IN BOOTS	Tyler Farr	31	8
	33	33	J.KING, J.CATINO (J.WILSON, D.PITTENGER, N.COOKE)	COLUMBIA NASHVILLE Jon Pardi	33	8
	35	34	HEAD OVER BOOTS B.BUTLER, J.PARDI (J.PARDI, L.LAIRD)	CAPITOL NASHVILLE	34	13
	37	35	REAL MEN LOVE JESUS S.HENDRICKS (B.WARREN,B.WARREN,L.MILLER,A.SANDERS)	Michael Ray ATLANTIC/WEA	35	11
	38	36	MIND READER M.J.CONES (R.AKINS,B.HAYSLIP)	Dustin Lynch BROKEN BOW	36	9
	36	37	D.HUFF (M.MARLOW,T.DYE,P.SALLIS,A.SCHERZ)	Maddie & Tae	36	5
1	39	38	NIGHT'S ON FIRE C.AINLAY,F.LIDDELL,G.WORF (J.SINGLETON,D.RUTTAN)	David Nail MCA NASHVILLE	34	16
Į)	42	39	J.MOI (S.BUXTON, J.FRASURE, A.STOKLASA)	Chris Lane	39	3
2	44	40	IT ALL STARTED WITH A BEER M.ALTMAN (J.JOHNSTON,N.MASON,J.S.STOVER)	Frankie Ballard WARNER BROS./WAR	40	4
)	40	41	TRAVELLER D.COBB,C.STAPLETON (C.STAPLETON)	Chris Stapleton	17	10
	34	42	USED TO LOVE YOU SOBER M.MCVANEY (K.BROWN,M.MCVANEY,J.HOGE)	Kane Brown ZONE 4	15	11
ı	41	43	CRAZY OVER ME M.ALDERMAN,J.E.NORMAN (D.SCOTT,M.ALDERMAN)	Dylan Scott	36	10
5	43	44	COLD BEER CONVERSATION C.AINLAY,G.STRAIT (A.ANDERSON,B.HAYSLIP,J.YEARY)	George Strait MCA NASHVILLE	36	15
5	45	45	YUP C.CHAMBERLAIN (S.MINOR,P.O'DONNELL,W.KIRBY)	Easton Corbin MERCURY	45	11
7	48	46	HOLE IN A BOTTLE B.BEAVERS, J.ROBBINS (C.SMITH, B.BEAVERS, D.COUCH)	Canaan Smith MERCURY	46	3
e-El	NTRY	47		et With Cassadee Pope NASHVILLE/REPUBLIC NASHVILLE	37	2
]	50	48	NEXT BOYFRIEND BUSBEE (L.ALAINA,E.WEISBAND,M.MCVANEY)	Lauren Alaina 19/INTERSCOPE/MERCURY	39	4
E	NTRY	49	THE DRIVER Charles Kelley Feat. Dier		41	3
		-		CALL TO CHASHVILLE		

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I MET A GIRL J.RITCHEY,S.HENDRICKS (T. ROSEN,S.HUNT,S.MCANALLY)

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LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST CERTIFICATION TITLE IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	WKS.
1	1	#1 CHRIS STAPLETON Traveller	36
3	2	LUKE BRYAN CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN Kill The Lights	22
4	3	SAM HUNT Montevallo	63
5	4	CARRIE UNDERWOOD Storyteller 19/ARISTA NASHVILLE/SMN	11
6	5	THOMAS RHETT Tangled Up	15
7	6	ERIC CHURCH EMI NASHVILLE/UMGN Mr. Misunderstood	10
8	9	CHRIS YOUNG RCA NASHVILLE/SMN I'm Comin' Over	8
2	8	CARRIE UNDERWOOD Greatest Hits: Decade #1	57
10	9	BLAKE SHELTON Reloaded: 20 #1 Hits	11
9	10	CAM Untamed	4
11	11	CHRIS JANSON Buy Me A Boat	10
13	12	LITTLE BIG TOWN CAPITOL NASHVILLE/UMGN Pain Killer	64
12	13	ZAC BROWN BAND JEKYLL + HYDE JOHN VARVATOS/SOUTHERN GROUND/BMLG/REPUBLIC	37
16	14	DON HENLEY PAST MASTERS HOLDINGS/CAPITOL Cass County	15
14	15	OLD DOMINION Meat And Candy	9
15	16	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE Anything Goes	65
20	17	GEORGE STRAIT Cold Beer Conversation	15
18	18	JASON ALDEAN A Old Boots, New Dirt	66
22	19	KELSEA BALLERINI The First Time	34
19	20	TIM MCGRAW MCGRAW/BIG MACHINE/BMLG Damn Country Music	9
21	21	BRANTLEY GILBERT Just As I Am	86
27	22	JANA KRAMER Thirty One	13
23	23	BRETT ELDREDGE Illinois	17
28	24	JASON ISBELL Something More Than Free	25
25	25	KACEY MUSGRAVES Pageant Material	29

CO	COUNTRY AIRPLAY™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE Artist	WKS. ON CHART		
0	0	#1 DIE A HAPPY MAN Thomas Rhett	16		
2	2	GONNA KNOW WE WERE HERE Jason Aldean	24		
3	3	I LOVE THIS LIFE LoCash	46		
4	4	STAY A LITTLE LONGER Brothers Osborne	41		
5	5	BREAK UP IN A SMALL TOWN Sam Hunt	19		
8	6	GG HOME ALONE TONIGHT Luke Bryan Feat. Karen Fairchild	11		
9	9	I GOT THE BOY ELEKTRA NASHVILLE/WAR Jana Kramer	46		
7	8	GONNA Blake Shelton	25		
6	9	TOP OF THE WORLD Tim McGraw MCGRAW/BIG MACHINE	23		
11	10	BACKROAD SONG Granger Smith	27		
12	1	DIBS Kelsea Ballerini	28		
14	12	BREAK ON ME. Keith Urban	12		
13	13	WE WENT Randy Houser	32		
15	14	COUNTRY NATION Brad Paisley ARISTA NASHVILLE	19		
16	15	BEAUTIFUL DRUG Zac Brown Band SOUTHERN GROUND/JOHN VARVATOS/REPUBLIC/DOT	18		
17	16	MR. MISUNDERSTOOD Eric Church	10		
18	17	HEARTBEAT Carrie Underwood	7		
20	18	CONFESSION Florida Georgia Line	10		
21	19	I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT Rascal Flatts	17		
19	20	LITTLE BIT OF YOU Chase Bryant	39		
22	21	NOBODY TO BLAME Chris Stapleton	10		
24	22	DRUNK ON YOUR LOVE Brett Eldredge	10		
26	23	YOU SHOULD BE HERE Cole Swindell WARNER BROS./WMN	4		
23	24	(THIS AIN'T NO) DRUNK DIAL A Thousand Horses REPUBLIC NASHVILLE	26		
25	25	THAT DON'T SOUND LIKE YOU Lee Brice	31		



Rhett Rules; Smith Is **Top 10**

The uncommonly dominant "Die a Happy Man" by **Thomas Rhett** tops Country Digital Songs for a 10th week, Hot Country Songs for a ninth week and Country Airplay for a fourth frame. The ballad leads Country Digital Songs with 60,000 downloads sold (down 39 percent) in the week ending Jan. 7, according to Nielsen Music, and Country Airplay with 51 million in audience (up 4 percent). It's rare for singles to linger at No. 1 on Country Airplay, but Rhett locks up the chart's first four-week command in more than 18 months, since Luke Bryan's "Play It Again."

Meanwhile, Granger **Smith** (above) earns his first career top 10 on two Billboard country charts, and in his first visit to each list, as "Backroad Song" drives 14-10 on Hot Country Songs and 11-10 on Country Airplay. The track debuted on Country Airplay on July 18, 2015 (at No. 58), released on the artist's independent label, Pioneer Music. Later in the summer (Aug. 12), Smith signed with Broken Bow Records Music Group's newly unveiled Wheelhouse imprint.

"Granger already had a large fan base and just needed a promotion arm," Wheelhouse vp promotion Teddi Bonadies tells Billboard. "This single is a great launch for him. It's a simple, feel-good song with an identifiable hook. Smith's first album for Wheelhouse is due this spring. -Jim Asker January 23

WKS.	LAST	THIS	K SONGS TM TITLE CERTIFICATION Artist	PEAK	WKS. ON
IGO	WEEK	WEEK	PRODUCER (SONGWRITER) IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL ### AG SG STRESSED OUT twenty one pilots	POS.	CHART
1	Н	U	EX'S & OH'S Elle King	1	37
2	2	2	D.BASSETT (ELLE KING,D.BASSETT) RCA	1	44
4	3	3	SHUT UP AND DANCE WALK THE MOON T.PAGNOTTA (N.PETRICCA,E.MAIMAN,K.RAY,S.WAUGAMAN,B.BERGER,R.MCMAHON) RCA	1	70
6	6	4	B.WALKER, J.SINCLAIR (FALL OUT BOY) Fall Out Boy DCD2/ISLAND/REPUBLIC	4	33
3	5	5	ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME COIDING STARGATE, R.SIMPSON (G.R. BERRYMAN, J.M. BUCKLAND, W.CHAMPION, C.A. J.MARTIN) COIDING PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	3	10
5	4	6	RENEGADES X Ambassadors ALEX DA KID (A.GRANT,S.N.HARRIS,N.FELDSHUH,C.HARRIS,A.LEVIN) KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	1	42
8	7	7	UMA THURMAN A FAIL OUT BOY LISHKELING FAIL OUT BOY MASHMILY VOUNG LOTD ON NEELL SINKLAR JAMASHALL R.MOSHRY D. DCDZYSLAND/REPUBLIC	2	52
7	8	8	LET IT GO James Bay J.KING (J.BAY,P.BARRY) REPUBLIC	7	30
9	9	9	S.O.B. Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats STAX/CMG	8	23
HOT S	SHOT But	10	DON'T THREATEN ME WITH A GOOD TIME PANIC! At The Disco Irrotenismiciar (Lerimani, Leriman), Leriman Leriman Preson.) Dodz/fueled by ramen/rrp	10	1
11	10	11	EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES J.SINCLAIR (B.URIE, J.SINCLAIR, L.PRITCHARD, S.HOLLANDER, D.WILSON) DCD2/FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP CD2/FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	5	12
10	15	12	DG THE SOUND OF SILENCE Disturbed K.CHURKO (P.SIMON) REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	10	7
-	16	13	ELECTRIC LOVE BORNS TENGLISH (G.BORNS,T.SCHLEITER,N.LONG,J.MORAN) REZIDUAL/INTERSCOPE	13	28
22	13	14	ROOTS RLEX DA KID (IMAGINE DRAGONS,A.GRANT) RIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE	5	20
14	17	15	UNSTEADY X Ambassadors	14	14
15	11	16	VICTORIOUS Panic! At The Disco	7	15
16	18	17	LISINCLAIR (BLURIEC. LBARAN M. AVIOLA, M. KIBBY, LSINCLAIR A. DELEON, R. CUOMO) MESS AROUND Cage The Elephant	16	10
17	21	18	D.AUERBACH (CAGE THE ELEPHANT) DSP/RCA FIRE AND THE FLOOD Vance Joy	16	15
		H	STARGATE,BENNY BLANCO,R.HADLOCK (VANCE JOY,T.E.HERMANSEN,M.S.ERIKSEN,B.LEVIN) F-STOP/ATLANTIC THE LIGHT Disturbed	-	
18	23	19	K.CHURKO (DISTURBED) REPRISE/WARNER BROS. WASH IT ALL AWAY Five Finger Death Punch	18	11
19	24	20	K.CHURKO,FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH (I.MOODY,Z.BATHORY,J.HOOK,J.S.HEYDE,K.CHÜRKO) PROSPECT PARK COME TOGETHER The Beatles	19	10
-	14	21	G.MARTIN (J.W.LENNON,P.MCCARTNEY) APPLE/CAPITOL/UME	14	2
20	22	22	THRONE O.SYKES,J.FISH (O.SYKES,M.S.NICHOLLS,L.D.MALIA,J.FISH) Bring Me The Horizon COLUMBIA	12	24
23	30	23	THE GHOSTS OF BEVERLY DRIVE R.COSTEY (B.GIBBARD) Death Cab For Cutie BARSUK/ATLANTIC	21	19
25	29	24	STATE OF MY HEAD P.NAPPI (B.SMITH,C.COLASSACCO,P.NAPPI,E.THOMPSON,J.DE ZUZIO) Shinedown ATLANTIC	24	8
-	20	25	HERE COMES THE SUN G.MARTIN (G.HARRISON) The Beatles APPLE/CAPITOL/UME	20	2
28	33	26	TRIP SWITCH Nothing But Thieves JEMERY (JLANGRIDGE-BROWN,D.CRAIK,C.MASON,J.EMERY,J.IRVIN) RCA	26	7
33	27	27	LA DEVOTEE Panic! At The Disco J.SINCLAIR (B.URIE,M.KIBBY,J.SINCLAIR) DCD2/FUELED BY RAMEN/RRP	15	6
29	34	28	MOUNTAIN AT MY GATES Foals J.FORD (FOALS) TRANSGRESSIVE/WARNER BROS.	28	13
32	32	29	SOUND & COLOR B.MILLS, ALABAMA SHAKES (ALABAMA SHAKES) ATO	12	8
27	31	30	NEARLY FORGOT MY BROKEN HEART Chris Cornell B.O'BRIEN (C.CORNELL)	18	16
24	28	31	LOVE ME M.CROSSEYG.DANIEL,M.HEALY (G.DANIEL,M.HEALY,A.HANN,R.S.MACDONALD) DIRTY HIT/INTERSCOPE	7	13
12	26	32	UGH! The 1975 M.CROSSEY,G.DANIEL,M.HEALY (M.HEALY,G.DANIEL,A.HANN,R.S.MACDONALD) DIRTY HIT/INTERSCOPE	10	4
31	38	33	NIGHTLIGHT JACKNIFE LEE (SILVERSUN PICKUPS,G.LEE) SIlVERSUN PICKUPS,G.LEE) NEW MACHINE/Q PRIME	29	11
34	41	34	START A RIOT BANNERS	34	3
38	35	35	S.KOZMENIUK (M.NELSON,S.KOZMENIUK,T.S.CLARK) ISLAND/REPUBLIC MESSAGE MAN TWENTY ONE PILOTS THE FOR THE FORMAN	35	11
35	36	36	TANDERSON (T.JOSEPH) FUELEĎ BY RAMEN/RRP THANK GOD FOR GIRLS Weezer	13	11
39	37	37	J.SINCLAIR (R.CUOMO,A.GOOSE,C.M.BALZER,B.BALZER,B.PETTI) GONER twenty one pilots	37	7
-4	М	38	THE LESS I KNOW THE BETTER Tame Impala	-	
36	44	×	K.PARKER (K.PARKER) MODULAR/INTERSCOPE SAINT CECILIA FOO Fighters	36	6
47	49	39	FOO FIGHTERS (FOO FIGHTERS) ROWELL/RCA WE DON'T BELIEVE WHAT'S ON TV twenty one pilots	33	4
43	39	40	FALLEN ANGEL Three Days Grace	39	8
42	45	41	G.BROWN (THREE DAYS GRACE, G.BROWN, C.G. MILLER, J.K. MOI, T.BRUNER) RCA	41	7
NE	W	42	AMERICA'S SWEETHEART Elle King MJOHNSON (ELLE KING,MJOHNSON) EMPERICACIÓN Coldplay Coldplay	42	1
30	42	43	EVERGLOW COIDING STABASHER, SIMPSON, DGREEN (S.R. BERRYMAN, J.M. BUCKLANDWICHAMPHON, C.A. LIMARTHN, M. S. ERIKSEN, Z.E. HERMANSEN) PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	8	6
45	50	44	SAVE TODAY Seether B.O'BRIEN (S.MORGAN,SEETHER) THE BICYCLE MUSIC COMPANY/CMG	44	3
44	47	45	I AM THE FIRE Halestorm JJOYCE (L.HALE, J.HOTTINGER, S. STEVENS) ATLANTIC	40	8
26	43	46	HYMN FOR THE WEEKEND STAGGUTE. SOMPON G.C. BERKYMAN, M.BUDOLA MODVICHAMPON, C.A. LAMATIN, M.S. ERKISEN, LE BRANKSEN, M. CONTROLL SANDON, G.C. BERKYMAN, M.B. BUDOLA MODVICHAMPON, C.A. LAMATIN, M.S. ERKISEN, LE BRANKSEN, M. CONTROLL SANDON, C.C. BERKYMAN, M.B. BUDOLA MODVICHAMPON, C.A. LAMATIN, M.S. ERKISEN, LE BRANKSEN, M. CONTROLL SANDON, C.C. BUDOLA MODVICHAMPON, C.A. LAMATIN, M.S. ERKISEN, C.C. BRANKSEN, M. CONTROLL SANDON, C.C. BRANKSEN, C.C. BRANKS	13	5
RE-EI	NTRY	47	DITMAS JFORD (MUMFORD & SONS) Mumford & Sons GENTLEMEN OF THE ROAD/GLASSNOTE	38	2
41	40	48	R.I.P. 2 MY YOUTH The Neighbourhood LPUBBOW,BEINY BLANCO (LIRUTHERFORD,Z.ABELS,M. MARGOTT,J.FREEMAN,L.PUBBOW,B.LEVIN) [R]EVOLVE/COLUMBIA	13	20
49	48	49	HAPPY SONG Bring Me The Horizon O.SYKES,J.FISH (O.SYKES,M.S.NICHOLLS,M.KEAN,L.D.MALIA,J.WEINHOFEN) COLUMBIA COLUMBIA	19	17
	2		I'M SO SORRY Imagine Dragons	14	

LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST CERTIFICATION TITLE IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	WKS. OF CHART
	1	#1 TWENTY ONE PILOTS Blurryface FUELED BY RAMEN/AG Blurryface	34
2	2	COLDPLAY A Head Full Of Dreams	5
8	3	ELLE KING Love Stuff	42
3	4	FALL OUT BOY American Beauty / American Psycho	51
5	9	ALABAMA SHAKES Sound & Color	36
4	6	SOUNDTRACK Guardians Of The Galaxy: Awesome Mix Vol. 1	76
10	0	NATHANIEL RATELIFF & THE NIGHT SWEATS Nathaniel Rateliff STAX/CONCORD	20
11	8	DISTURBED Immortalized REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	20
9	9	FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH Got Your Six PROSPECT PARK	18
6	10	CAGE THE ELEPHANT Tell Me I'm Pretty DSP/RCA	3
12	11	HOZIER Hozier	66
17	12	JAMES BAY Chaos And The Calm	37
13	13	MUMFORD & SONS Wilder Mind	36
16	14	SHINEDOWN Threat To Survival	16
7	15	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA Letters From The Labyrinth	8
18	16	BREAKING BENJAMIN Dark Before Dawn	29
15	17	SLIPKNOT .5: The Gray Chapter	44
14	18	BRING ME THE HORIZON That's The Spirit	17
24	19	MUSE Drones HELIUM-3/WARNER BROS.	26
25	20	TAME IMPALA Currents MODULAR/INTERSCOPE/IGA	17
28	21	COURTNEY BARNETT Sometimes I Sit And Think, And Sometimes I Just Sit. MILK!/HOUSE ANXIETY/MARATHON ARTISTS/MOM + POP	24
20	22	RYAN ADAMS PAX.AM/BLUE NOTE 1989	16
19	23	IMAGINE DRAGONS Smoke + Mirrors KIDINAKORNER/INTERSCOPE/IGA	44
22	24	FLORENCE + THE MACHINE How Big How Blue How Beautiful REPUBLIC	32
23	25	BARONESS Purple	3

MAINSTREAM ROCK™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE Artist	WKS.ON CHART	
2	0	WASH IT ALL AWAY Five Finger Death Punch PROSPECT PARK	15	
1	2	THE LIGHT Disturbed REPRISE/WARNER BROS.	15	
3	3	STATE OF MY HEAD Shinedown	12	
5	4	SAVE TODAY THE BICYCLE MUSIC COMPANY/CMG	16	
4	5	I AM THE FIRE Halestorm	19	
7	6	FALLEN ANGEL Three Days Grace	17	
6	7	CIRICE Ghost RISE ABOVE/LOMA VISTA/SEVEN FOUR/THE BICYCLE MUSIC COMPANY/CMG	26	
8	8	WAYS TO GET HIGH Pop Evil	9	
10	9	BLOODFEATHER Highly Suspect	11	
15	10	SAINT CECILIA Foo Fighters ROSWELL/RCA	6	
11	11	ANGELS FALL Breaking Benjamin	27	
13	12	HERE'S TO THE HEARTACHE Nothing More	13	
9	13	THRONE Bring Me The Horizon	24	
12	14	FOOTSTEPS Pop Evil	32	
14	15	BLOW Theory Of A Deadman 604/ROADRUNNER/RRP	15	
16	16	UNTIL THE WORLD GOES COLD Trivium ROADRUNNER/RRP	17	
19	17	MESS AROUND Cage The Elephant	10	
20	18	REAPERS MUSE HELIUM-3/WARNER BROS.	7	
17	19	BECOME THE ENEMY Like A Storm ANOTHER CENTURY/CENTURY MEDIA	20	
21	20	VICE GRIP Parkway Drive	14	
22	21	WE ARE THE ENEMY Aranda WIND-UP	11	
23	22	LET ME LIVE MY LIFE Saint Asonia	7	
28	23	IN CHAINS Shaman's Harvest	8	
27	24	THROUGH IT ALL From Ashes To New BETTER NOISE	13	
26	25	VICTORY LAP All That Remains	10	



Panic's 'Good Time' Rolls

Panic at the Disco darts to its fourth Hot Rock Songs top 10 from new album Death of a Bachelor (Jan. 15) as "Don't Threaten Me With a Good Time" soars in at No. 10. The track, which samples the guitar riff of "Rock Lobster" by **The B-52s**, starts with 26,000 downloads sold, according to Nielsen Music, slotting in at No. 5 on Rock Digital Songs and Alternative Digital Songs, and tallying 1.2 million U.S. streams.

"Good Time" follows "Hallelujah" (which hit No. 3 on Hot Rock Songs), "Victorious" (No. 7) and "Emperor's New Clothes" (No. 5) as top 10s from the fifth studio album by the group led by Brendon Urie (above). (Another cut, "LA Devotee," reached No. 15.)
"Victorious," the set's current radio single, bullets at No. 22 on the Alternative airplay chart; "Hallelujah" hit No. 11 in August 2015.

Five Finger Death Punch earns its first

Mainstream Rock No. 1 from *Got Your Six*, which entered Top Rock Albums at No. 1 (Sept. 26, 2015), as "Wash It All Away" lifts 2-1. The Las Vegas five-piece scores its fourth Mainstream Rock No. 1 and first since "Battle Born," which began its five-week reign on Dec. 14, 2013.

In addition, **Nothing** but Thieves notches its first airplay top 10 as "Trip Switch" surges 11-9 on Alternative and 13-10 on Rock Airplay, rising by 12 percent to 5.8 million in audience on the latter list. The British rockers' selftitled debut LP is due Feb. 5 stateside.

Data for week of 01.23.2016

—Kevin Rutherford



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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SONGS™ Alessia Cara THE HILLS A MANO, ILLANGELO (A,TESFAYE, A. BALSHE, E. NICKERSON, ILANGELO) The Weeknd JUMPMAN 📥 Drake & Future AG IN THE NIGHT The Weeknd DON'T **679** Fetty Wap Featuring Remy Boyz PEOPLES (W.J.MAXWELL,A.COSME JR.,J.POPE,B.GARCIA) RGF/300 CAN'T FEEL MY FACE A APAYAMI, MAX MARTIN (A.TESFAYE, MAX MARTIN, S.KOTECHA, P.SVENSSON, A.PAYAMI) The Weeknd XO/REPUBLIC XO/R ME, MYSELF & I G-Eazy X MAERIANIC_ANDERSSON (GGILLIM,MXEENAN,CRANDERSSON,LEDWARDS)BARNES,BXDNN,BRZDHA) G-FAZYWKGPPGYRKA DOWN IN THE DM 9EM RILLIONS.SCHIFE (M.MIMS,K.M.KHALED,B.DIEHL,I.LEWIS) EXCHANGE THE MEKANICS (B.TILLER, M.HERNANDEZ, M.JOHNSON, J.HALL) Bryson Tiller WHERE YA AT AMERICA BOOMIN (N.D.WILBURN,L.WAYNE,A.GRAHAM) Future Featuring Drake A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC BACK TO SLEEP Chris Brown VINYLZ,A.RITTER,BOI-1DA (C.M.BROWN,A.HERNANDEZ,A.RITTER,M.SAMUELS,A.RIGO) RCA HIT THE QUAN BUCK NASTY (R.M.COLBERT, JR.,C.M.WILLIAMS) ILOVEMENPHS PALM TREE/RUSH HOUR/RECORDS BACK UP DEJ Loaf Featuring Big Sean IROCKSAYS (D.M.TRIMBLE,K.A.ADAMS,S.M.ANDERSON,C.GOSBERRY) IBGM/COLUMBIA BET YOU CAN'T DO IT LIKE ME BIG RINGS Drake & Future METRO BOOMIN (A.GRAHAM,N.D.WILBURN,L.WAYNE) A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC WTF (WHERE THEY FROM) PLWILLIAMS (M.ELLIOTT, P.L.WILLIAMS) Missy Elliott Featuring Pharrell Williams THE GOLD MIND/ATLANTIC Nelly Featuring Jeremih DANS (CHAYNES, IR.D.MICFARLANEM.ADAMS, CRUANCHARD, BRELLY, ROLLINS, DEROWN, M.G.NYEL, DRITT) DEFENSOR DOWNTOWN Macklemore & Ryan Lewis Feat. Eric Nally, Melle Mel, Kool Moe Dee & Grandmaster Caz Rlewis (Bhaggerty, Rlewis, Es mally, Jamp), Banning, Jouthon, Efort-Barnes, Thaggerty, Aspelind) Macklemore (Markle \$AVE DAT MONEY LII Dicky Feat. Fetty Wap & Rich Homie Quan SORRY NOT SORRY Jeremih z,donut (J.P.Felton,K.Cain,B.Bell,C.Martin) MICK SCHULTZ/DEF JAM REALLY REALLY ITROTHA.GOOSE.COOK CLASSICS (K.GILYARD.ITROTHA.GOOSE.WLOBBAN-BEAN) BREAD WINNERS' ASSOCIATION,ATLANTIC WATCH OUT FKI (T.EPPS,T.M.ROBERTS) PLAY NO GAMES Big Sean Feat. Chris Brown & Ty Dolla \$ign REY WARE, LITERARY (SALANDERSOLULMURER (LIM. JOHNSOLVEL, MEROWIN) LIKE OR LIVE (SALANDER LIVEL LIM. LELINI 2 PHONES MAD MAX (K.GILYARD, B.T. HAZZARD, R. WITHERSPOON JR.) BREAD WINNERS' ASS RGF ISLAND YUNG LAN (W.J.MAXWELL,M.S.MODI) BLASE Ty Dolla \$ign Featuring Future & Rae Sremmurd D.RUDNICK (T.GRIFFIN JR.N.D.WILBURN,A.I.S.BROWN,K.U.BROWN,G.R.HILL) ATLANTIC CALIFORNIA Colonel Loud Feat. T.I., Young Dolph & Ricco Barrino MR. HANKY (F. BEYERLEMMONTGOMERY) EDBMANDA EMBRINO, ATHORNYON, R. LORANGCHAEL LIMARDS, R.) DERTHODRINEUM RECORDINGS DERTHODRINEUM RECORDINGS STICK TALK LLUELLEN (N.D.WILBURN,J.H.LUELLEN) Future A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC ACQUAINTED The BEN BILLONS, ILLANGELO, QUIENNEVILLE, DANNYBOYSTYLES, THE WEEKIND (A,TESFAYE, JQUENNEVILLE, ILANGELO, B, DIEHL, O,SCHOFFELD) The Weeknd Rick Ross Featuring Chris Brown PLAYER Tinashe Featuring Chris Brown LULOU,ALEX PURPLE (T.KACHINGWE,L.LOULES,A.KRONLUND,C.ANGELIDES,C.M.BROWN) RCA LEAN & DABB iLoveMemphis BUCK NASTY (R.M.COLBERT, JR.,C.M.WILLIAMS) PALM TREE/RUSH HOUR/RECORDS JUGG Fetty Wap Featuring Monty S.SINGLETARY (W.J.MAXWELL,A.COSME JR.,S.SINGLETARY) MARCH MADNESS Future TARANTINO (N.D.WILBURN,C.YOUNGBLOOD) A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC PIPE IT UP MIGOS MURDA (Q.MARSHALL,K.BALL,K.CEPHUS,S.LINDSTROM) QUALITY CONTROL/300 DIAMONDS DANCING METRO BOOINN (A.GRAHAMA, D.DITE, BALLER, A.FITEEBANDZ, YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/FPC//REPUBLIC A.LI/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/FPC//REPUBLIC BOTTOM OF THE BOTTLE Curren\$Y Feat. August Alsina & Lil Wayne DG BEEN THAT WAY FADE MAIAH,TIMBALAND (B.TILLER,E.O.BARNES JR.,T.V.MOSLEY) TRAPSOUL/RCA THUNNID THUNNID K Camp Featuring Fetty Wap DE-KO,OG PARKER (K.T.CAMPBELL,W.J.MAXWELL,M.JONES,G.DECOUTO,J.PARKER) 4.27/FTE/INTERSCOPE MY BEYONCE C-SICK (D.BANKS,C.DUMAZER,D.M.TRIMBLE) LII DUFK & DEJ LOAF DEF JAM LITTLE MORE (ROYALTY) Chris Brown POOH BEARTHE AUDIBLES RAZHEL D. AUTORE (C.M. BROWN J. BOYD. D. JORDAN J. GIANNOS. N. AGLIARD LD. AUTORE) RCA

LAST THIS WEEK WEEK	ARTIST CERTIFICATION IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	Title	WKS CH/
1 1	#1 CHRIS BROWN	Royalty	3
3 2	THE WEEKND Beauty	Behind The Madness	1
2 3	BRYSON TILLER TRAPSOUL/RCA	TRAPSOUL	1
4 4	G-EAZY G-EAZY/RVG/BPG/RCA	When It's Dark Out	!
8 5	DRAKE A If You're Rea	ding This It's Too Late	4
5 6	FETTY WAP RGF/300/AG	Fetty Wap	1
7 7	KENDRICK LAMAR TOP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOP	To Pimp A Butterfly	4
6 8	FUTURE A-1/FREEBANDZ/EPIC	DS2	2
11 9	J. COLE 2014 DREAMVILLE/ROC NATION/COLUMB	Forest Hills Drive	5
13 10	R. KELLY	The Buffet	4
HOT SHOT DEBUT	BOOSIE BADAZZ In My	Feelings. (Goin' Thru It)	1
16 12	RICK ROSS MAYBACH/DEF JAM	Black Market	!
9 13	DRAKE & FUTURE Wh A-1/FREEBANDZ/YOUNG MONEY/CAS	at A Time To Be Alive	1
21 14	LEON BRIDGES LISASAWYER63/COLUMBIA	Coming Home	2
14 15	PUSHA T G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	King Push	:
17 16	AUGUST ALSINA Thi	is Thing Called Life	4
15 17	LOGIC The Inc	redible True Story	8
26 18	KIRK FRANKLIN FO YO SOUL/RCA	Losing My Religion	8
29 19	DR. DRE	Compton	2
19 20	MONICA RCA	Code Red	:
20 21	SOUNDTRACK Empire: Original 20TH CENTURY FOX/COLUMBIA	Soundtrack, Season 2, Volume 1	-
10 22	KID INK Sum THA ALUMNI GROUP/88 CLASSIC/RO	mer In The Winter	1
27 23	BABYFACE Return O	f The Tender Lover	
33 24	JEEZY Churc	ch In These Streets	8
22 25	LOGIC VISIONARY/DEF JAM	Under Pressure	6
RAP /	AIRPLAY TM		
LAST THIS WEEK	TITLE	Artist	WKS CH
2 1	#1 GG JUMPMAN	Drake & Future	1.
	ALI/EDEERANDZ/VOLING	MONEY/CASH MONEY/EPIC/REPUBLIC	

RAP AIRPLAY™			
LAST THIS WEEK	TITLE Artist	WKS.ON CHART	
2 1	#1 GG JUMPMAN Drake & Future	14	
1 2	HOTLINE BLING YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC Drake	20	
3 3	ANTIDOTE Travi\$ Scott	18	
4 4	NO ROLE MODELZ DREAMVILLE/ROC NATION/COLUMBIA J. Cole	18	
7 5	DOWN IN THE DM Yo Gotti	9	
8 6	AGAIN Fetty Wap	19	
5 7	WHITE IVERSON Post Malone	20	
6 8	679 Fetty Wap Featuring Remy Boyz	28	
9 9	PLAY NO GAMES Big Sean Feat. Chris Brown & Ty Dolla \$ign G.O.O.D./DEF JAM	15	
10 10	CALIFORNIA Colonel Loud Feat. T.I., Young Dolph & Ricco Barrino DERTYNORTH/EMPIRE RECORDINGS	12	
12 11	WHERE YA AT Future Featuring Drake	24	
11 12	BACK UP DeJ Loaf Featuring Big Sean	23	
13 13	WTF (WHERE THEY FROM) THE GOLD MIND/ATLANTIC Missy Elliott Feat. Pharrell Williams	8	
14 14	SORRY Rick Ross Feat. Chris Brown	13	
15 15	BOTTOM OF THE BOTTLE Curren\$Y Feat. August Alsina & Lil Wayne JET LIFE/ATLANTIC	6	
16 16	\$AVE DAT MONEY Lil Dicky Feat. Fetty Wap & Rich Homie Quan	9	
18 17	BEST FRIEND 300/ATLANTIC Young Thug	4	
17 18	THESE WALLS Kendrick Lamar Feat. Bilal, Anna Wise & Thundercat TOP DAWG/AFTERMATH/INTERSCOPE	9	
25 19	ME, MYSELF & I G-Eazy x Bebe Rexha	3	
20 20	3 TIMES IN A ROW RECKLESS REPUBLIC/300	7	
19 21	MOSES French Montana Feat. Chris Brown & Migos	6	
21 22	1HUNNID K Camp Feat. Fetty Wap	4	
22 23	WATCH OUT 2 Chainz	13	
23 24	LIKE BABY Jacquees CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC	6	
24 25	MILLY ROCK BORN 2 WIN/DNR/EONE 2 Milly	6	



Drake & Future Jump To No. 1

Drake and Future each earn a new No. 1 on Rap Airplay with "Jumpman, the lead single from their collaborative album What a Time to Be Alive The track reaches the top of the chart (up 11 percent in audience during the week ending Jan. 10, according to Nielsen Music) following a 14-week climb and becomes Drake's 22nd chart leader (extending his record for most No. 1s on the chart), while Future scores his first crowning visit.

Meanwhile, **Chris Brown** lands his 40th top 10 on R&B/Hip-Hop Airplay as "Back to Sleep" hops 11-9 in its eighth week on the chart. Brown becomes only the third artist to have as many top 10s on the chart — Drake leads the list with 48, followed by **Lil Wayne** with 45. The climb at radio aids in a 21-17 rise on Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs.

Singer Ray J makes his return to the Mainstream R&B/Hin-Hon chart for the first time in five years as his latest single, "Curtains Closed," debuts at No. 39 with a 48 percent rise in spins at the format. The entrance comes nearly three years after his last appearance on any tally, when his controversial single (about his relationship with **Kim** Kardashian), "I Hit It First" (featuring Bobby Brackins), spent three weeks on the Billboard Hot 100 in 2013.

Following the death of **Natalie Cole** on Dec. 31, 2015, the singer enters R&B Digital Songs at No. 14 with her hit "Unforgettable." The song spent 16 weeks on Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs in 1991, peaking at No. 10. The singer's death also causes spikes in album sales (see story, page 58).

—Amaya Mendizabal

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LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST CERTIFICATION TITLE IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	WKS. OI CHART
1	1	#1 JUAN GABRIEL LOS DUO 2 FONOVISA/UMLE	4
2	2	JUAN GABRIEL △ LOS DUO FONOVISA/UMLE	48
3	3	JUAN GABRIEL Mis Numero 1 40 Aniversario	75
4	4	IL DIVO Amor & Pasion	8
16	9	GG ARIEL CAMACHO Y LOS PLEBES DEL RANCHO Hablemos DEL/SONY MUSIC LATIN	9
11	6	PITBULL Dale FAMOUS ARTIST/MR. 305/SONY MUSIC LATIN	25
20	7	YANDEL Dangerous	9
RE	8	NATALIA LAFOURCADE Hasta La Raiz	4
5	9	ANDREA BOCELLI Cinema: Edicion En Espanol SUGAR/UNIVERSAL MUSIC LATINO/UMLE	11
17	10	ARIEL CAMACHO Y LOS PLEBES DEL RANCHO El Karma DEL/SONY MUSIC LATIN	53
9	11	BANDA SINALOENSE MS DE SERGIO LIZARRAGA En Vivo	19
7	12	ARCANGEL & DJ LUIAN Los Favoritos	4
12	13	VARIOUS ARTISTS 20 Bandazos de Oro: Puros Exitos SONY MUSIC LATIN	4
15	14	JESSE & JOY Un Besito Mas	5
13	15	MARCO ANTONIO SOLIS 15 Inolvidables	61
26	16	MALUMA SONY MUSIC LATIN Pretty Boy Dirty Boy	10
6	17	VARIOUS ARTISTS Cuba y Puerto Rico Son	8
10	18	VARIOUS ARTISTS Radio Exitos: El Disco del Ano 2015 FONOVISA/UMLE	11
8	19	SELENA Lo Mejor de	41
24	20	FARRUKO Visionary CARBON FIBER/SONY MUSIC LATIN	11
19	21	LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE Desde El Azteca	5
42	22	PS GERARDO ORTIZ A Hoy Mas Fuerte	34
32	23	CALIBRE 50 Historias de La Calle	7
14	24	MARC ANTHONY A 3.0	113
41	25	RICKY MARTIN A Quien Quiera Escuchar	48

TROPICAL AIRPLAY™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE Artist IMPRINT/PROMOTION LABEL	WKS.ON CHART	
5	1	#1 GG YO QUIERO VOLVER Silvio Mora	9	
6	2	GINZA J Balvin	23	
7	3	VAIVEN Daddy Yankee	14	
2	4	TE ENSANARE A OLVIDAR Grupo Niche	10	
3	5	COMO LO HACIA YO Ken-Y & Nicky Jam	4	
1	6	MATERIALI\$TA Silvestre Dangond x Nicky Jam	10	
10	7	YO VOY PA ENCIMA Luis Enrique	8	
8	8	ME QUEDE CON LAS GANAS Tito "El Bambino" El Patron MELODIAS DE ORO	9	
25	9	CULPA AL CORAZON Prince Royce	8	
12	10	BORRO CASSETTE Maluma	17	
9	0	DIMELO India	14	
4	12	TE BUSCO Cosculluela / Nicky Jam	12	
15	13	SALSA Y CHOKE PEERMUSIC/SONY MUSIC LATIN ChocQuibTown	5	
III	14	MAMBO PARA BAILAR Fuego	6	
13	15	GANAS DE TI MELODIAS DE ORO/LATIN HITS Zion & Lennox	6	
29	16	EL ERROR Reykon	3	
20	17	LA LLAMADA DE MI EX Chiquito Team Band PLANET RECORDS	2	
NEW	18	ENCANTADORA Yandel	1	
24	19	SI ESTA CASA HABLARA Joel Santos	3	
18	20	PONTE PA LA FOTO Los Cadillacs Presenta Alexis & Fido PRINCE RECORDS	5	
14	21	DIME MENDEZ/PARKEAST/CROSSOVER Eliexis Feat. Omega	9	
30	22	ESE AMO Gino Avila	4	
33	23	TOY ENAMORAO Mozart La Para Feat. Sharlene & Nacho	8	
21	24	UNA BENDICION Jonathan Moly	6	
17	25	CULPABLES Jay Ruiz	13	



Daddy Yankee **Scores** Sixth No. 1

'Vaiven" by **Daddy Yankee** (above) steps 2-1 on Latin Airplay, notching the sixth leader for the artist. It rises by 23 percent in audience for the week ending Jan. 10, according to Nielsen Music. The track concurrently crowns Latin Rhythm Airplay, marking his 14th No. 1, which ties with urban duo Wisin & Yandel for the list's most chart-toppers. "Vaiven" will appear on his upcoming studio album, King Daddy II, Elemento DY, expected later this year.

On Tropical Airplay, Silvio **Mora** scores his first No. 1 as "Yo Quiero Volver" hops 5-1 in its ninth charting week. The singer first appeared on the chart in 2014 when his comical merengue track "Llego el Pavo" ("The Turkey Has Arrived") peaked at No. 35. Mora, who was born and raised in Switzerland, moved to the Dominican Republic as a child, where he learned Spanish and studied music. Leaping 46-30 on Hot

Latin Songs, **Ken-Y**'s "Como lo Hacia Yo" (featuring Nicky Jam) tallies the week's largest positional increase. The rise is owed to a 35 percent hike at Latin radio (to 5 million impressions), while it also scales 35-24 on Latin Airplay. The cut is Ken-Y's first track to chart on Hot Latin Songs since 2013 when "More" (with Zion & Jory) reached No. 16. "Como lo Hacia Yo" also marks Jam's fifth charting collaboration in a row. -Amaya Mendizabal



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Alfredo Olivas

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WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
3	1	1	#1 OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL		1	121
5	2	2	THE RIVER C.WEDGEWORTH (J.FELIZ,C.WEDGEWORTH,J.SILVERBERG)	Jordan Feliz	2	19
6	3	3	GOOD GOOD FATHER R. COPPERMAN (J.P.M.BARRETT,T.BROWN)	Chris Tomlin	2	15
7	4	4	JUST BE HELD M.A.MILLER (M.HALL, B.HERMS, M.WEST)	Casting Crowns BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG	4	28
9	5	5	MY STORY J.REDMON (M.WEAVER,J.INGRAM)	Big Daddy Weave	5	27
10	6	6	SAME POWER	Jeremy Camp	6	29
12	7	7	FEEL IT tobyMa D.GARCIA,TOBYMAC (T.MCKEEHAN,D.A.GARCIA,C.R.BARLOWE)	c Featuring Mr. Talkbox	5	27
13	8	8	GRACE WINS P.KIPLEY (M.WEST)	Matthew West SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	8	22
RE-EN	NTRY	9	THERE IS POWER L.L.BREWSTER,C.WEDGEWORTH (L.L.BREWSTER,M.L.C.FIELDES	Lincoln Brewster	9	29
20	10	10	YOU ARE LOVED C.BROWN (C.CLEVELAND,K.WILLIAMS,J.ZEGAN,J.SOJKA)	Stars Go Dim FERVENT/WORD-CURB	10	17
16	11	1	LIVE ON FOREVER J.MOHILOWSKI (J.HAVENS,M.FUQUA,J.MOHILOWSKI,D.OSTEBO	The Afters J.INGRAM) FAIR TRADE	11	18
RE-EN	NTRY	12	TRUST IN YOU P.MABURY (L.DAIGLE, P.MABURY, M.R.FARREN)	Lauren Daigle	12	21
18	13	13	ALONE B.FOWLER (H.MILLER,B.FOWLER,T.MCKEEHAN,T.MCKEEHAN)	Hollyn Featuring TRU	13	12
23	15	14	IT'S NOT OVER YET TEDD T. (L.SMALLBONE, J.SMALLBONE, B.GLOVER, T.TJORNHOM,	for KING & COUNTRY K.RICTOR) FERVENT/WORD-CURB	14	15
31	17	15	BE ONE B.HERMS (N.GRANT, B.MIZELL, S.MIZELL, E.WEISBAND)	Natalie Grant	15	16
19	14	16	GUILTY S.MOSLEY (J.OTERO,P.STEWART)	newsboys FAIR TRADE	14	15
25	19	17	TELL YOUR HEART TO BEAT AGAIN B.HERMS (B.HERMS, M.WEST, R.PHILLIPS)	Danny Gokey	17	5
30	18	18	YOUR WORDS Third THE SOUND KIDS (M.POWELL,T.ANDERSON,M.LEE,D.CARR)	Day Featuring Harvest	18	22
27	21	19	CALL IT GRACE S.MOSLEY (J.LOWRY,C.MATTSON,S.MOSLEY,M.R.FARREN)	Unspoken CENTRICITY	19	12
28	20	20	GREATER IS HE S.MOSLEY (B.CALLAHAN,C.BROWN,J.INGRAM)	Blanca WORD-CURB	20	20
34	24	21	ONE THING M.G.CHISLETT (J.HOUSTON, A.KING, D.THOMAS)	Hillsong HILLSONG/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	21	13
35	23	22	SOAR S.MOSLEY (M.ANDREWS,M.L.C.FIELDES,S.MOSLEY)	Meredith Andrews	22	21
1	9	23	HALLELUJAH S.J.ANDERSON (L.COHEN)	Lindsey Stirling	1	5
37	25	24	BREATHE C.COPELIN (J.DIAZ,J.L.SMITH,T.WOOD)	Jonny Diaz	24	8
48	28	25	LIMITLESS D.GARCIA (C.DIXON,D.A.GARCIA,M.WEST)	Colton Dixon 19/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	25	7

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2 WKS. AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	TITLE CERTIFICATION PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist	PEAK POS.	WKS. ON CHART
1	1	0	#1 19 WKS K.FRANKLIN,S.MARTIN (K.FRANKLIN,A.GREEN)	Kirk Franklin FO YO SOUL/RCA/RCA INSPIRATION	1	19
2	2	2	WORTH Anthony A.BROWN, J.SAVAGE (A. BROWN)	Brown & group therAPy KEY OF A/VMAN/TYSCOT	1	37
3	3	3	INTENTIONAL T.GREENE,V.NAVEJAR (T.GREENE)	Travis Greene	1	36
4	4	4	WORTH FIGHTING FOR A.W.LINDSEY (B.C.WILSON,A.LINES)	Brian Courtney Wilson	3	49
5	5	5	I LUH GOD Erica Cam W.CAMPBELL,L.A.DANIELS (W.CAMPBELL,E.M.ATKINS-CAMPB	pbell Featuring Big Shizz	1	41
6	7	6	YES YOU CAN A.W.LINDSEY (C.DIXSON,M.L.SAPP)	Marvin Sapp RCA INSPIRATION	3	48
7	6	7	I'M GOOD R.JERKINS (R.JERKINS, J.AUSTIN, T.BOWMAN, JR., M.WINANS,	Tim Bowman Jr. JR.,L.WARE,A.ROSS) LIFESTYLE	6	28
9	8	8	I'M YOURS K.BOWIE,C.CARTER (C.J.HOBBS)	Casey J MARQUIS BOONE/TYSCOT	8	19
11	10	9	YOU LOVE ME (BEST OF MY LOVE) R.ROBINSON (M.WHITE, A.MCKAY, A.WILSON, G.P.ROBINSON)	Anita Wilson	9	19
10	9	10	123 VICTORY K.FRANKLIN,S.MARTIN (K.FRANKLIN,L.PARKER)	Kirk Franklin	9	8
15	14	1	THE ANTHEM D.J.KIMBROUGH,T.DULANEY (H.SEELEY,J.HUNT,L.WEBBER)	Todd Dulaney	11	16
16	17	12	FILL ME UP V.MITCHELL (W.A.REAGAN)	Tasha Cobbs	8	24
13	12	13	PUT A PRAISE ON IT Tasha Cobbs	Featuring Kierra Sheard	10	7
8	13	14	THANK YOU JESUS (THAT'S WHAT HE	E'S DONE) Kim Burrell	8	23
12	11	15	LIKE NO OTHER D.WEATHERSPOON (B.CAGE)	Byron Cage	11	14
24	24	16	I'LL BE THE ONE M.BOONE,C.CARTER (K.A.DOCK,C.MOORE)	Bri (Briana Babineaux) MARQUIS BOONE/TYSCOT	13	9
14	15	17	PLACE CALLED VICTORY D.KIPPING (D.KIPPING, D.BROWN JR.)	Deon Kipping	12	19
17	16	18	KING OH KING K.SHELTON (K.SHELTON, M.BROWN CLARK, K.RINGGOLD)	Maurette Brown Clark	16	18
18	18	19		airston & Youthful Praise	18	8
19	19	20	RESTORE ME AGAIN D.HADDON,M.HODGE (D.HADDON,D.BLUMFIELD)	Deitrick Haddon	12	21
20	20	21	LEVEL NEXT J.P.KEE (J.P.KEE)	John P. Kee	18	10
23	23	22	MADE A WAY T.GREENE,V.NAVEJAR (T.GREENE)	Travis Greene	17	4
22	22	23	PRESSURE J.MCREYNOLDS (J.MCREYNOLDS)	Jonathan McReynolds	9	17
NE	EW	24	THANK YOU THANK YOU JESUS P.GRAY, JR., J.GRAY, SR. (P.GARY JR.)	Chicago Mass Choir	24	1
	25	25	MORE THAN ENUFF T.J.BURTON,K.A.TYLER (T.J.BURTON,T.J.BURTON) GOD MADE N	Half Mile Home	25	3

LAST	THIS	ARTIST Title	WKS. ON
WEEK	WEEK	IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	CHART
HOT SHOT Debut	0	PASSION Salvation's Tide Is Rising SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	1
1	2	LAUREN DAIGLE How Can It Be CENTRICITY/CAPITOL CMG	40
2	3	VARIOUS ARTISTS PLG/WORD-CURB/CAPITOL CMG WOW Hits 2016	15
9	4	GG PASSION Even So Come	32
4	5	TOBYMAC This Is Not A Test	22
10	6	CASTING CROWNS A Live Worship Experience BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG	8
17	7	FOR KING & COUNTRY RUN WILD. LIVE FREE. LOVE STRONG. FERVENT/WORD-CURB	69
29	8	BETHEL MUSIC We Will Not Be Shaken	51
12	9	CASTING CROWNS BEACH STREET/REUNION/PLG Thrive	99
11	10	HILLSONG Open Heaven / River Wild	14
16	11	SOUNDTRACK War Room: Music From And Inspired By The Original Motion Picture REUNION/PLG	20
20	12	CHRIS TOMLIN Love Ran Red	63
38	13	RED Of Beauty And Rage	30
18	14	MATTHEW WEST SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG Live Forever	31
3	15	CHRIS TOMLIN Adore: Christmas Songs Of Worship SIXSTEPS/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG	11
RE	16	SIDEWALK PROPHETS Something Different FERVENT/WORD-CURB	15
RE	17	VARIOUS ARTISTS CCM United Presents: We Will Stand	5
22	18	HILLSONG UNITED HILLSONG/SPARROW/CAPITOL CMG Empires	33
33	19	AMANDA COOK BETHEL/PLG Brave New World	12
13	20	NF Mansion CAPITOL CMG	41
30	21	KB Tomorrow We Live	21
19	22	ANDY MINEO Uncomfortable	16
RE	23	STARS GO DIM Stars Go Dim	3
8	24	THIRD DAY Lead Us Back: Songs Of Worship	45
14	25	AMY GRANT Be Still And Know Hymns & Faith	28

TOP GOSPEL ALBUMS™				
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	ARTIST Title IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	WKS. O CHART	
1	1	#1 KIRK FRANKLIN Losing My Religion FO YO SOUL/RCA	9	
3	2	ANTHONY BROWN & GROUP THERAPY Everyday Jesus KEY OF A/VMAN/TYSCOT/TASEIS	25	
2	3	TASHA COBBS MOTOWN GOSPEL/CAPITOL CMG One Place Live	20	
4	4	VARIOUS ARTISTS Maranatha! Music: Top 15 Gospel Praise Hits MARANATHA!/CAPITOL CMG	12	
6	5	TRAVIS GREENE The Hill	10	
7	6	VARIOUS ARTISTS WOW Gospel 2015 MOTOWN GOSPEL/WORD-CURB/RCA INSPIRATION/RCA	49	
5	7	DEITRICK HADDON Masterpiece	9	
8	8	JONATHAN MCREYNOLDS Life Music: Stage Two	16	
NEW	9	BISHOP ANDREW MERRITT & THE STRAIGHT GATE MASS CHOIR Saturate US Bajada	1	
RE	10	DR. ALYN E. WALLER PRESENTS ENON TABERNACLE The Experience	6	
13	11	CASEY J The Truth MARQUIS BOONE/TYSCOT/TASEIS	36	
12	12	MARVIN SAPP RCA INSPIRATION/RCA YOU Shall Live	32	
NEW	13	JOR'DAN ARMSTRONG Confident	1	
14	14	ISRAEL & NEW BREED Covered: Alive In Asia	22	
17	15	CHARLES JENKINS & FELLOWSHIP CHICAGO Any Given Sunday INSPIRED PEOPLE/MOTOWN GOSPEL/CAPITOL CMG	43	
23	16	GG VARIOUS ARTISTS Icon: Gospel Worship MOTOWN GOSPEL/CAPITOL CMG	21	
16	17	BRIAN COURTNEY WILSON Worth Fighting For	39	
19	18	VARIOUS ARTISTS Marantha! Music: Top 25 Gospel Praise Songs MARANATHA!/CAPITOL CMG	9	
24	19	JOHN P. KEE KEE/MOTOWN GOSPEL/CAPITOL CMG	15	
21	20	VARIOUS ARTISTS Billboard #1 Gospel Hits	48	
15	21	ERICA CAMPBELL Help 2.0 MY BLOCK/EONE	37	
NEW	22	VARIOUS ARTISTS Blackberry Records Presents: Mama's Church Songs BLACKBERRY/THE ORCHARD	1	
RE	23	KIM BURRELL A Different Place	13	
RE	24	RICHARD SMALLWOOD WITH VISION Anthology: Live	15	
20	25	FRED HAMMOND I Will Trust	52	
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High 'Tide'

Salvation's Tide Is Rising, the new set from worship collective **Passion**, bounds onto Top Christian Albums at No. 1, selling 22,000 units in its opening week, according to Nielsen Music. On the multigenre, consumption-based Billboard 200, the LP opens at No. 19 (23,000

equivalent-album units).

Passion, the musical
component of Passion
Conferences, founded in
1997 in Atlanta by Louie
Giglio, was originally
named Grace Ministries.
The conferences are held
all over the world and have
become popular enough to
sell out venues including
New York's Madison Square
Garden.

Artists featured on the new 10-song album include Crowder ("All We Sinners"), Matt Redman ("I Turn to Christ"), Kristian Stanfill ("Good Good Father") and Chris Tomlin ("God and God Alone"). The set marks the seventh leader for the Passion collective on Top Christian Albums. It last led with Even So Come, which launched with 27,000 copies sold (April 4, 2015).

On Hot Christian Songs, Hillsong United's "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" clocks an even 60 weeks at No. 1, extending its record reign.

Meanwhile, **Travis Greene**'s "Intentional"
steps 2-1 on Gospel Airplay,
becoming his first No. 1
on the chart (in his third
appearance). At 39 weeks,
"Intentional" completes the
second-longest climb to
the Gospel Airplay summit: **Charles Jenkins & Fellowship Chicago's**"#War" needed 45 weeks,
reaching No. 1 on Aug. 15,
2015. —Jim Asker

duo of Alex Pall and Taggart. The pair's through hit, "#Selfie," four weeks at No. 2 il 2014. "Roses" eads Hot Dance/ onic Songs for a week, where it earns rplay and Streaming honors. It grows by rcent to 52 million nce impressions percent to 6 million treams, according elsen Music. "Roses" rrently becomes The smokers' highestng Billboard Hot 100 mping 22-13, besting the No. 16 peak of "#Selfie."

Meanwhile on the Hot 100. Robin Schulz makes his second appearance as "Sugar" (featuring Francesco Yates) debuts at No. 87. The song holds at its No. 6 high on Hot Dance/

Electronic Songs. Schulz

first hit the Hot 100 with "Prayer in C," with Lillywood (No. 23, 2015). On Dance Club Songs, Lady Gaga lands her 14th No. 1 with "Til It Happens to You" (2-1), lifting the newly crowned Golden Globe winner into ninth place for the most No. 1s in the chart's nearly 40-year

history. (Madonna leads with 46.) Co-written by Gaga and **Diane Warren** for the film *The Hunting* Ground, the track has been transformed from its original ballad form into a club anthem courtesy of approximately 30 remixes, including those from Dave Aude, Tracy Young and

Dirty Pop. - Gordon Murray

ANCE/ELECTRONIC ALBUM ARTIST CERTIFICATION TITLE IMPRINT/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	WKS. ON CHART
#1 VARIOUS ARTISTS Now That's What I Call A Workout 2016 SONY MUSIC/UNIVERSAL/UME	3
SKRILLEX & DIPLO Skrillex And Diplo Present Jack U	46
DISCLOSURE Caracal	15
THE CHAINSMOKERS Bouquet (EP)	11
ODESZA IN RETURN FOREIGN FAMILY COLLECTIVE/COUNTER	71
JAMIE XX In Colour YOUNG TURKS	32
ALINA BARAZ & GALIMATIAS Urban Flora (EP)	34
MAJOR LAZER Peace Is The Mission	32
POWER MUSIC WORKOUT 55 Smash Hits! Running Remixes, Vol. 3 POWER MUSIC	1
VARIOUS ARTISTS Monstercat 025: Threshold Monstercat	3
AVICII Stories	14
PURITY RING Another Eternity	45
ZEDD True Colors	33
FKA TWIGS M3LL155X (EP)	8
GALANTIS Pharmacy BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC/AG	16
FKA TWIGS VOUNG TURKS LP1	67
YEARS & YEARS Communion POLYDOR/INTERSCOPE/IGA	21
CALVIN HARRIS Motion	60
SOUNDTRACK We Are Your Friends: Music From The Original Motion Picture INTERSCOPE/IGA	10
VARIOUS ARTISTS NCS: The Best Of 2015	1
CAPITAL KINGS II	14
DAVID GUETTA Listen WHAT A MUSIC/PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC/AG	46

TOP DANCE/ELECTRONIC

BASSNECTAR

SOUNDTRACK The Martian: Songs From

VARIOUS ARTISTS Ministry Of Sound: Running Trax 2016

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DANCE/MIX SHOW AIRPLAY™					
LAST THIS WEEK	TITLE Artist	WKS. ON CHART			
2 1	#1 ROSES The Chainsmokers Feat. ROZES	15			
1 2	SORRY SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM Justin Bieber	11			
4 3	HERE Alessia Cara	12			
3 4	HELLO Adele	10			
6 5	SMOKE FILLED ROOM Mako	6			
76	BE RIGHT THERE Diplo & Sleepy Tom	15			
15 7	L'AMOUR TOUJOURS Dzeko & Torres Feat. Delaney Jane MUSICAL FREEDOM	11			
10 8	SAME OLD LOVE Selena Gomez	12			
5 9	CRASH 2.0 Adventure Club vs Dallask KEMOSABE/KINDERGARTEN/BMG	18			
13 10	ON MY MIND CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE Ellie Goulding	14			
0 0	AUTOMATIC MIND OF A GENIUS/COLUMBIA ZHU x AlunaGeorge	14			
16 12	IN THE NIGHT The Weeknd	7			
9 13	HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE Calvin Harris & Disciples	25			
8 14	WHAT DO YOU MEAN? SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM Justin Bieber	19			
20 15	FALLING AWAY Seven Lions Feat. LIGHTS	4			
19 16	BANG MY HEAD David Guetta Feat. Sia & Fetty Wap WHAT A MUSIC/PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	8			
17 17	OCEAN DRIVE Duke Dumont BLASE BOYS CLUB/TURBO/ASTRALWERKS/CAPITOL	20			
18 18	TO U Skrillex & Diplo Feat. AlunaGeorge	7			
12 19	HOTLINE BLING YOUNG MONEY/CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC Drake	15			
26 20	BIRDS FLY Hardwell Feat. Mr. Probz	8			
14 21	WILDEST DREAMS BIG MACHINE/REPUBLIC Taylor Swift	18			
31 22	LOVE YOURSELF SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM	3			
21 23	LIKE I'M GONNA LOSE YOU Meghan Trainor Feat. John Legend	7			
23 24	BROKEN ARROWS Avicii	5			
29 25	SUGAR Robin Schulz Feat. Francesco Yates	19			

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MUSICAL FREEDOM/PM-AM/CASABLANCA/REPUBLIC

WATERBED The Chainsmokers Featuring Waterbed
THE CHAINSMOKERS (A.TAGGART,C.MONTERMINI,C.PATERNOSTRO) DISRUPTOR
DISRUPTOR

FORBES

Borgore & G-Eazy

A.BORGORE,STYLES&COMPLETE (A.BORGORE,A.P.HAINS,A.STEINS,G.GILLUM)
BUYGORE

BAILAME Alex Sensation Featuring Yandel & Shaggy W.POLANCO,DAWIN (ALEX SENSATION,L.VEGUILLA MALAYE.O.R.BURFFI I.O.ROSAPIN)

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Tiesto & Tony Junior

HOT DANCE/ELECTRONIC SONGS™

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##1 AG SG ROSES The Chainsmokers Featuring ROZES
THE CHAINSMOKERS (A,TAGGARTIE, MENCEL) DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA

WHERE ARE U NOW A Skrillex & Diplo With Justin Bieber Skrillex, DIPLO (S,MOORE,TM,PENTZ,JBIEBER,JBOYD,K.RUBINJ,MARE) MAD DECENT/OWSLA/ATLANTIC

HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE

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BANG MY HEAD David Guetta Featuring Sia & Fetty Wap

BE RIGHT THERE
DIPLO & Sleepy Tom
DIPLO,C.T.TATHAM,R.SPEARMAN,V.G.BENFORD (T.W.PENTZ,C.T.TATHAM,R.SPEARMAN,V.G.BENFORD)
MAD DECENT

MAGNETS
Disclosure Featuring Lorde
DISCLOSURE (GLAWRENCE.H.LAWRENCE.J.J.NAPIER.E.M.LYELICH-O'CONNOR)
METHOD/PMR/CAPITOL
METHOD/PMR/CAPITOL

HOLD MY HAND

STARSMITH.J.PATTERSON (J.GLYNNE.J.PATTERSON.J.WROLDSEN.J.BENNETT)

Major Lazer & DJ Snake Featuring MO

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DANCE CLUB SONGS™

LAST WEEK	THIS	TITLE Artist	WKS. ON
2	WEEK	#1 TIL IT HAPPENS TO YOU Lady Gaga	CHART 9
4	2	SHOUT IT OUT LOUD Robin S & DJ Escape	8
6		GG MAGNETS Disclosure Feat. Lorde	6
3	4	SORRY Justin Bieber	9
9		SCHOOLBOY/RAYMOND BRAUN/DEF JAM WHEN LOVE HURTS JOJO	8
H	6	300/ATLANTIC/RRP HIGHER PLACE Dimitri Vegas & Like Mike Feat. Ne-Yo	12
7	7	SMASH THE HOUSE/CNR/3BEAT/COMPOUND/MOTOWN/CAPITOL HELLO Adele	9
8	8	LOVE MYSELF Hailee Steinfeld	11
10	9	RUN ON LOVE Lucas Nord Feat. Tove Lo	14
12	10	CALIFORNIA DREAMIN Freischwimmer	6
5	11	BELIEVE Chaos Feat. CeCe Peniston	10
14	12	STOLEN CAR Mylene Farmer & Sting	6
11	13	DSYLM B. Howard Feat. BK Brasco KEE RECORDINGS	10
16	14	ALONE NO MORE 3BEAT/MOTOWN/CAPITOL Philip George And Anton Powers	6
17	15	OVER AND OVER AGAIN Nathan Sykes	5
15	16	NEVER LEAVE DVBBS	11
19	17	FALL 4 U Natali Yura	9
22	18	AGE OF INNOCENCE Elephante Feat. Trouze & Damon Sharpe	7
25	19	SACRIFICE DeGrazio PREROGATIVE	5
18	20	CARRY ON Coeur de Pirate DARE TO CARE/CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE	12
21	21	TO THE TOP Tony Valor Feat. Li Na	7
26	22	CRAZY BEAUTIFUL Skylar Stecker CHERRYTREE/INTERSCOPE	5
30	23	TRUE ORIGINAL Dave Aude Feat. Andy Bell	4
24	24	JUNK Lisa Williams	6
35	25	HOLLOW Tori Kelly SCHOOLBOY/CAPITOL	3
29	26	WTF (WHERE THEY FROM) Missy Elliott Feat. Pharrell Williams THE GOLD MIND/ATLANTIC	5
39	27	ANOTHER LONELY NIGHT Adam Lambert WARNER BROS.	2
27	28	TIME TO MOVE ON Sweet Feet Music Presents Mary Wilson	10
20	29	CONFIDENT Demi Lovato SAFEHOUSE/ISLAND/REPUBLIC/HOLLYWOOD	11
33	30	FOCUS Ariana Grande	4
44	31	STRANDED Dirty Disco Feat. Inaya Day	2
34	32	BANG MY HEAD David Guetta Feat. Sia & Fetty Wap WHAT A MUSIC/PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	4
36	33	YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL Camille	4
31	34	I CAN FORGIVE Maya Simantov & Tracy Young	6
28	35	THIS IS THE LOVE Spandau Ballet REFORMATION/RHINO/WARNER BROS.	7
13	36	AUTOMATIC MIND OF A GENIUS/COLUMBIA ZHU x AlunaGeorge	13
49	37	I'M BURNING UP CASH MONEY/REPUBLIC Karine Hannah & Dave Aude	2
32	38	GAG Dirty Pop Feat. Jonathan Hernandez & Cory Wade CITRUSONIC STEREOPHONIC	5
HOT SHOT DEBUT	39	THE GIRL IS MINE 99 Souls Feat. Destiny's Child & Brandy RESILIENCE/COLUMBIA	1
23	40	SPIN SPIN SUGAR Scotty Boy Feat. Sue Cho	12
42	41	SHATTERPROOF Kwanza Jones	2
38	42	LAY IT ALL ON ME Rudimental Feat. Ed Sheeran MAJOR TOMS/BIG BEAT/ATLANTIC	4
46	43	LITHIUM Athena	2
41	44	BE RIGHT THERE Diplo & Sleepy Tom	3
50	45	ROSES The Chainsmokers Feat. ROZES DISRUPTOR/COLUMBIA	2
NEW	46	FROZEN Natty Rico Feat. Melissa Moinaro, Done & Frankie J UPSCALE/DAUMAN	1
NEW	47	ALIVE Sia MONKEY PUZZLE/RCA	1
NEW	48	YOUNGER Seinabo Sey	1
NEW	49	ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME Coldplay PARLOPHONE/ATLANTIC	1
		HIGH HORSE Amuka & DL IST	

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LEGEND

Bullets indicate titles with greatest weekly gains.

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 Album Charts

 Recording Industry Assn. of America (RIAA) certification for physical shipments & digital downloads of 500,000 albums (Gold).

 All A certification for physical shipments & digital downloads of 1 million units (Platinum). Numeral noted with Platinum symbol indicates album's multiplatinum level.

 All A certification for physical shipments & digital downloads of 10 million units (Diamond). Numeral noted with Diamond symbol indicates album's multiplatinum level.

 Latin albums certification for physical shipments & digital downloads of 30,000 units (Oro).

- △ Latin albums certification for Latin albums certification for physical shipments & digital downloads of 60,000 units (Platino). Numeral noted with Platino symbol indicates album's multiplatinum level.

- Digital Songs Charts

 RIAA certification for 500,000 paid downloads and ondemand streams where 100 streams equal 1 download (Gold).
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 DG (Digital Sales Gainer)
 AG (Airplay Gainer)
 SG (Streaming Gainer)

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	GROSS PER TICKET PRICE(S)	ARTIST VENUE DATE	ATTENDANCE CAPACITY	PROMOTER
1	\$4,977,905 \$205/\$155/\$105/\$59.50	REBA MCENTIRE & BROOKS & DUN! THE COLOSSEUM AT CAESARS PALACE, LAS VEGAS DEC. 1-2, 4, 6-9, 11-12		AEG LIVE, CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT
2	\$3,165,545 \$350/\$20	DADDY YANKEE & DON OMAR COLISEO DE PUERTO RICO, SAN JUAN DEC. 3-6	45,752 50,947 FOUR SHOWS	RAFAEL A. PINA NIVES
3	\$2,760,290 \$159.50/\$99.50/ \$59.50/\$20	MÖTLEY CRÜE STAPLES CENTER, LOS ANGELES DEC. 28, 30-31	37,090 41,739 THREE SHOWS	LIVE NATION
4	\$2,067,935 (26,883,152 PESOS) \$192.30/\$30.77	CHAYANNE AUDITORIO NACIONAL, MEXICO CITY NOV. 11-12	19,040 TWO SELLOUTS	OCESA-CIE
5	\$1,239,251 (16,110,260 PESOS)	JULIÓN ÁLVAREZ AUDITORIO NACIONAL, MEXICO CITY	19,040	ZZOOM ACCESS
6	\$1,162,700 \$200/\$45	NOV. 13-14 HOT 99.5 JINGLE BALL: DEMI LOVATO, VERIZON CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C.	11,243	UMMER & OTHERS
7	\$959,606 (\$1,283,752 CANADIAN)	THE WEEKND, TRAVIS SCOTT BELL CENTRE, MONTREAL	15,389	EVENKO, LIVE NATION,
8	\$74.38/\$29.53 \$953,560 \$99/\$75/\$50	NOV. 24 DEAD & COMPANY SCOTTRADE CENTER, ST. LOUIS	SELLOUT 11,066	GREENLAND PRODUCTIONS MADISON HOUSE PRESENTS/
9	\$758,640 \$201/\$71	NOV. 20 ALEJANDRO FERNÁNDEZ MICROSOFT THEATER, LOS ANGELES	13,706	GOLDENVOICE/AEG LIVE
10	\$749,416 \$74.50/\$45	ZAC BROWN BAND, DRAKE WHITE SCHOTTENSTEIN CENTER, COLUMBUS, OHIO	6,882	MADISON HOUSE PRESENTS/
11	\$715,125	DEC. 12 DEAD & COMPANY	11,647 11,948	AEG LIVE
12	\$99/\$75/\$50 \$708,420	TARGET CENTER, MINNEAPOLIS NOV. 21 ODESZA	8,222 11,896	MADISON HOUSE PRESENTS/ AEG LIVE
13	\$39.50/\$35 \$688,622	BILL GRAHAM CIVIC AUDITORIUM, SAN FRANCISCO DEC. 10-11 ZAC BROWN BAND, DRAKE WHITE	18,128 TWO SELLOUTS	ANOTHER PLANET ENTERTAINMENT
	\$38.50	KFC YUM! CENTER, LOUISVILLE, KY. DEC. 10	9,855 14,553	MADISON HOUSE PRESENTS/ AEG LIVE, NS2
14	\$639,490 (8,313,372 PESOS) \$79.14	PLACIDO DOMINGO AUDITORIO NACIONAL, MEXICO CITY NOV. 10	8,081 9,520	FUAAN FINANCIERA
15	\$634,401 (8,247,216 PESOS) \$169.22/\$23.08	EMMANUEL & MIJARES AUDITORIO NACIONAL, MEXICO CITY NOV. 7	9,263 9,520	OCESA-CIE
16	\$623,802 (8,109,425 PESOS) \$73.44	GERARDO ORTIZ AUDITORIO NACIONAL, MEXICO CITY NOV. 22	8,494 9,520	EFRAÍN GARCIA CORTES
17	\$551,468 (£368,070) \$63.68/\$22.47	PAUL WELLER, YOUNG FATHERS EVENTIM APOLLO, LONDON DEC. 4-5	9,400 TWO SELLOUTS	3A ENTERTAINMENT
18	\$530,145 (\$746,032 AUSTRALIAN) \$105.74/\$70.21	DEF LEPPARD, LIVE, BABY ANIMALS QANTAS CREDIT UNION ARENA, SYDNEY NOV. 17	6,291 6,897	ONE WORLD ENTERTAINMENT
19	\$498,525 \$45/\$25	ODESZA SHRINE EXPO HALL, LOS ANGELES DEC. 12-14	14,703 THREE SELLOUTS	AEG LIVE
20	\$485,649 (£321,983) \$113.12/\$30.17	CLYDE 1 LIVE: STEREOPHONICS, TH SSE HYDRO, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND DEC. 8	E FOXES, KODA 9,247 9,627	LINE & OTHERS
21	\$426,865 (\$570,692 CANADIAN) \$29.92/\$28.05	MARIANAS TRENCH THEATRE L'OLYMPIA, MONTREAL DEC. 1	1,241 1,500	EVENKO, GREENLAND PRODUCTIONS
22	\$410,784 (5,340,198 PESOS) \$24.15	SASHA, BENNY Y ERIK AUDITORIO NACIONAL, MEXICO CITY NOV. 27-28	17,012 19,040 TWO SHOWS	OCESA-CIE
23	\$402,846 (5,236,996 PESOS) \$169.22/\$23.08	EMMANUEL & MIJARES AUDITORIO NACIONAL, MEXICO CITY	9,033	OCESA-CIE
24	\$397,860 (3,817,600 PESOS)	NOV. 24 R5 LUNA PARK, BUENOS AIRES	7,132	MOVE CONCERTS
25	\$88.58/\$26.58 \$369,617 (£245,898)	PAUL WELLER, YOUNG FATHERS FIRST DIRECT ARENA, LEEDS, ENGLAND	6,771	3A ENTERTAINMENT
26	\$57.12/\$28.56 \$364,952 (4,744,370 PESOS)	NOV. 29 NATALIA LAFOURCADE AUDITORIO NACIONAL, MEXICO CITY	6,800 8,579	OCESA-CIE
27	\$42.54 \$359,340 \$99.50/\$49.50	NOV. 4 KOST 103.5 CHRISTMASLAND: TRAIN MICROSOFT THEATER, LOS ANGELES	9,520 , PENTATONIX , 6,882	GOLDENVOICE/AEG LIVE,
28	\$345,424 \$45/\$25	DEC. 6 SHINEDOWN & BREAKING BENJAMI BRYCE JORDAN CENTER, UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.	N, SEVENDUST	KOST 103.5 FRANK PRODUCTIONS, NS2,
29	\$342,848 \$184/\$130/	NOV. 20 DON HENLEY, SHAWN COLVIN BEACON THEATRE, NEW YORK	SELLOUT 2,745	CMOORE LIVE, SLP CONCERTS LIVE NATION
30	\$94.50/\$64.50 \$342,600 \$75/\$20	NOV. 2 TOBYMAC, BRITT NICOLE, COLTON I TARGET CENTER, MINNEAPOLIS	DIXON, HOLLYN	1 KTIS
31	\$342,025	NOV. 6 EASON CHAN	10,050	
32	(\$456,412 CANADIAN) \$268.28/\$58.45 \$341,996	BELL CENTRE, MONTREAL DEC. 4 STRING CHEESE INCIDENT THE THE TRANSPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF T	2,784 3,395	BEST SHINE ENTERTAINMENT
33	\$49.50/\$44.50 \$340,422	THE THEATER AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK OCT. 23-24 PAUL WELLER, YOUNG FATHERS	6,909 10,871 TWO SHOWS	AEG LIVE
34	(£225,910) \$57.26/\$28.63	MANCHESTER ARENA, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND NOV. 28 FAITHLESS, UNTIL THE RIBBON BRI	6,304 6,500	3A ENTERTAINMENT
	(£223,722) \$55.90/\$52.88	SSE HYDRO, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND NOV. 25	6,392 6,873	DF CONCERTS
35	\$333,339 (€310,424) \$96.64/\$53.69	ANDRÉ RIEU ZÉNITH, PARIS NOV. 12	4,942 5,300	ANDRÉ RIEU PRODUCTIONS, KMMS



Reba, **Brooks &** Dunn Score In **Vegas**

Country superstars Reba McEntire and Brooks & Dunn own the No. 1 Boxscore based on a \$4.9 million box-office take from their nine-show return engagement at the Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas during the first two weeks of December 2015.

The co-headliners first joined forces for the residency last summer with an opening stint of nine performances from June 17 through July 4. Produced by AEG Live and Caesars Entertainment, their production has grossed \$9.9 million from its 18 performances, with a total of 74,669 sold tickets at the 4,000-seat concert venue.

Dubbed Reba Brooks & Dunn: Together in Vegas, the production will return for another string of dates at the Colosseum later this year. Six shows are currently planned for May 3 through 14.

The artists' history of collaboration includes the 1998 No. 1 Hot Country Songs hit "If You See Him/ If You See Her," the No. 2 charter "Cowgirls Don't Cry" in 2008 and a coheadlining turn on the road in 1997.

Between February and December of that year, the pair played 66 arenas in the United States and Canada. logging an overall soldticket count of 801,950. Ticket sales from the tour totaled \$31.9 million during its 10-month span.

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39 Years Ago STEVIE WONDER'S 'WISH' CAME TRUE... TWICE

The Motown wunderkind topped the pop and R&B charts with the lead single from his No. 1 1977 LP *Songs in the Key of Life*

WHEN PAUL SIMON ACCEPTED HIS album of the year Grammy Award for *Still Crazy After All These Years* in February 1976, he thanked Stevie Wonder, "who didn't make an album this year." It was an admiring wink at the Saginaw, Mich.-born musical prodigy who had taken the prize in 1974 and 1975 — for, respectively, *Innervisions* and *Fulfillingness' First Finale* — and proved prescient when Wonder, then 26, won

again in 1977 for Songs in the Key of Life.

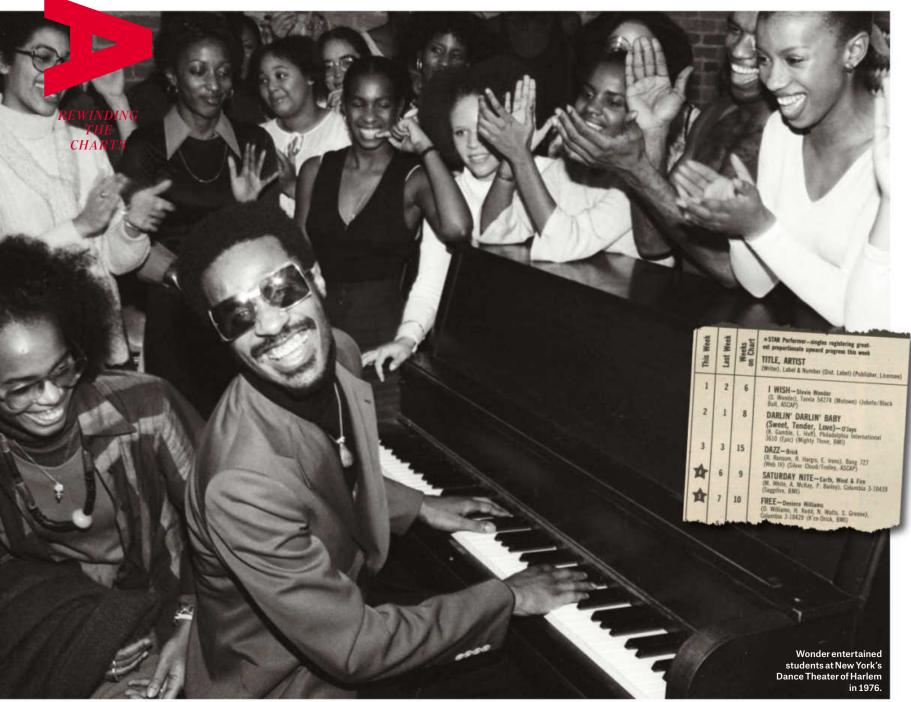
The landmark double album's lead single, "I Wish," a funky, ebullient reminiscence of growing up — "Why did those days ever have to go/'Cause I love them so," Wonder sings in the chorus — topped the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart (then called Hot Soul Singles) for five weeks beginning Jan. 15, 1977, and, a week later, hit No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100. "We were going to write some

really crazy words for 'I Wish,' " Wonder told *Musician* magazine in a subsequent interview, but they stuck to a more direct approach because, he said, "the music was too much fun."

Songs in the Key of Life was only the third LP to debut atop the Billboard 200. It spent 14 weeks there and remains an influential contribution to the pop canon. In November 2014, Wonder performed the entire album live on a 43-date tour.

Although recent media coverage of the artist and father of nine has focused on his divorce from his second wife, Kai Millard Morris, Wonder's musical legacy continues to make headlines: He is tied with Aretha Franklin for the most No. 1 titles on the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart (20) and has performed at the Grammy Awards more than any other artist: 13 times.

—TREVOR ANDERSON



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